

CENTRAL ARKANSAS VETERANS

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

The Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVHS), a flagship Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare provider, is one of the largest and busiest VA medical centers in the country. Its two hospitals, located in Little Rock and North Little Rock, anchor a broad spectrum of inpatient and outpatient healthcare services, ranging from disease prevention through primary care, to complex surgical procedures, to extended rehabilitative care.

CAVHS serves as a teaching facility for more than 1,500 students and residents enrolled in more than 65 educational programs; its principal affiliate is the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

CAVHS is reaching out to Veterans through its Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, Home Health Care Service Center in Hot Springs, and a VA Drop-In Day Treatment Center for the homeless Veterans in downtown Little Rock.

Throughout its rich history, CAVHS has been widely recognized for excellence in education, research, and emergency preparedness, and –first and foremost—for a tradition of quality and caring for Arkansas Veterans.

Arkansas. THE NATURAL STATE



Arts and Entertainment

- ◆ Arkansas Arts Center
- ◆ Clinton Presidential Library
- ◆ Verizon Arena
- ◆ LR River Market
- ◆ Aerospace Education Center and IMAX
- ◆ Big Dam Bridge
- ◆ LR Zoo
- ◆ Arkansas Sports Hall Of Fame
- ◆ USS Razorback
- ◆ The Old Mill
- ◆ Arkansas Queen Riverboat



Clinton Presidential Library
and the
Arkansas Queen Riverboat



Sports

- ◆ Arkansas Twisters Arena Football
- ◆ Arkansas Travelers Baseball @ Dickey-Stephens Park
- ◆ College Football and Basketball



Outdoor Recreation

50 State Parks	Boating
Canoeing	Camping
Hiking	Golfing
Hunting	Fishing
Swimming	Water Skiing
Horseback Riding	



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Pharmacy Residency Program

PGY1 and PGY2



Qualifications

All residents must be United States citizens and have graduated from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education accredited college or school of pharmacy. All residents are required to be licensed or be eligible for licensure.

License must be obtained no later than Oct 1st of the residency year.

Candidates for the Specialty Residencies should have completed a Post Graduate Year One (PGY1) Residency.

Application Requirements

- ◆ CAVHS Residency Application received by January 15
- ◆ Letter of intent
- ◆ Three letters of recommendation
- ◆ Curriculum Vitae
- ◆ Pharmacy School Transcript(s)
- ◆ Proof of Citizenship (copy of birth certificate)
- ◆ Copy of Intern/Pharmacist License

All correspondence should be addressed to:

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Salary and Benefits

The residency program provides a competitive stipend. Residents can accumulate 13 days of paid vacation time and 10 paid holidays per year. Sick leave is accrued at the rate of 4 hours every two weeks. Health Insurance is available. Educational leave and an allowance are provided to attend some local and national pharmacy meetings. The program also provides office space, computer, a pager and a state of the art computerized patient record system.

Program Goal

The goal of the CAVHS residency program is to provide high-quality, compassionate pharmaceutical care in a variety of practice environments. Residents will be able to effectively educate other health professionals, patients, students, and the community regarding health care issues. Residents are expected to develop and apply problem-solving skills to actual clinical situations through the use of sound judgment, the ability to set priorities and by applying investigative and research techniques. Residents will function as an integral member of the health care team, demonstrating maturity and effective interpersonal skills. They will demonstrate personal drive and enthusiasm to be a leader in pharmacy and to serve as a role model to others. They will demonstrate high ethical standards of professional practice.

Program Description

This residency is a 12 month program designed to meet the standards set forth by ASHP for Pharmacy Residencies. The Program is organized under the overall leadership of the Chief, Pharmacy Service who is ultimately responsible for the education and training of the residents. The Education/Quality Management Coordinator is designated as the Residency Program Director and acts as the primary role model for the residents. The Residency Director will designate other pharmacists with outstanding strengths in one or more areas to serve as preceptors for individual specialized practice settings. The training program involves a fulltime educational commitment at both divisions of CAVHS for 52 weeks. While residents supply services as part of their requirements, these are designed to complement rather than compete with the educational and experiential objectives of the program.

Clinical Experience

The resident will participate in the care of patients in ambulatory care, intermediate and long-term care settings. The resident will staff the Medication Management Clinic (formerly Coumadin Clinic). Elective experience is available in many other areas within the medical center and may also be done at affiliated teaching hospitals in areas not encompassed at CAHVS.

Teaching Responsibilities

The resident will be responsible for the education of PharmD students from UAMS College of Pharmacy as they complete senior rotations at CAVHS and facilitating the Therapeutics Recitation course for the 2nd and 3rd year students. CAVHS residents participate in the Teaching Certificate Program thru UAMS.

Research Requirement

The resident will conceive, implement, and complete an independent research project in conjunction with a preceptor. The project will be presented at either the regional residents conference or a local conference at CAVHS and should result in a publishable paper.

Staffing Requirement

Residents will also provide weekend inpatient or outpatient pharmacist coverage. **Generally, this is one weekend a month.** Clinical and distributive functions typical of a staff pharmacist will be performed during this time to meet the expectation of ASHP learning objectives.