

WJB Dorn VA Medical Center PGY2 Geriatrics Residency Program



Rotation Information for Residency Candidates

Required Learning Experiences

- Two Months of Long Term Care
- Two Months of Home-Based Primary Care
- Two Months of Psychiatry (Psychogeriatrics)
- Two Months of Palliative Care
- One of Month of Cardiology (Geriatric specific)
- One of Month of Hematology/Oncology (Geriatric specific)
- July is Orientation if needed or Elective
- December is transitional or Elective

Required Longitudinal Experiences:

- Polypharmacy consult reviews
- Pharmacy Staffing every fourth week
- Presentations: Midyear, VA Research Day, South-eastern Residency Conference, Journal Club,
- Pharmacy Grand Rounds, Geriatric Grand Rounds
- Geriatric Elective didactic lecture involvement at South Carolina College of Pharmacy
- Geriatrics Symposium committee membership and presentation at symposium
- Committee involvement (Falls, Polypharmacy, PBM, Treatment Teams)
- Clinical Research in Geriatrics related study
- Administration to include ADR monitoring, Medication Use Evaluations
- Pharmacy and Geriatric Journal Club

Elective Learning Experiences

- Long Term Care III
- Home Based Primary Care III
- Hematology/Oncology III
- Palliative Care III
- Infectious Diseases I
- Hematology/Oncology II
- Internal Medicine I
- Primary Care I (onsite or Community Based Outpatient Clinic)
- Psychiatry III
- Teaching Elective
- Cardiology II
- Gastrointestinal Disorders
- Clinical Administration
- Informatics

Elective Longitudinal Experiences

- Concentration in particular area of concentration (psychiatry, pain, etc.)
- Academic Preparation Program (Teaching Certificate)
- Participation in committees other than requirements
- Participation with specialty clinic services (HIV clinic, PACT Clinic, Renal Clinic, Hepatitis Clinic)
- Participation with the Home Transitional Care Program
- Medication order template design and review
- RCA Analysis

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About The Residency Program

The PGY2 Geriatric Residency program at the WJB Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, SC is a hospital based, 12 month residency specializing in the VA geriatric patient. Residents also have ongoing teaching responsibilities to patients, pharmacy students, hospital staff., and will serve as the Chief Resident to the facilities three PGY1 residents. Residents may choose to participate in the South Carolina College of Pharmacy Academic Preparation Program which is a longitudinal experience where a resident receives a Teaching Certificate upon completion. Additional practice components include pharmacy-run clinics, formulary management, drug-use policy development, clinical interventions, research, adverse-drug-reaction reporting, medication error reporting, drug-use evaluation, and participation in PBM and other multidisciplinary committees.

Potential residents must be a U.S. citizen and are required to have a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited college of pharmacy and be licensed or eligible for licensure within the United States. Applicants are also required to complete an application form, provide at least three letters of recommendation, provide college transcripts, as well as a Curriculum Vitae., letter of intent, and letter of confirmation that PGY1 certificate requirements met from PGY1 program RPD. Applicants must participate in the ASHP Matching Process.

The resident will teach at least one lecture in the Geriatrics Elective to the SC College of Pharmacy students. Residents will have a dual appointment while a resident to receive pharmacist pay for weekend work and to limit days missed on rotation..Residents will also be required to prepare a major project focused in Geriatrics, from which they will write an article suitable for publication. This project will also be presented at the Southeastern Residency Conference. Residents are required to submit a poster presentation to the ASHP Mid-Year Clinical Meeting.

The estimated stipend for the 2012-2013 year is approximately \$45,000. The starting date is July 1st of each year, although this date may vary by a week or two. Applications are due by January 15th of each year. Benefits include health insurance, free lab coats, 2 weeks of sick leave, 2 weeks of annual leave (vacation), holidays, and free on-site parking.

About The Geriatric Service Line and Hospital

The William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center is a teaching hospital, which provides comprehensive health care to more than 70,000 veterans across the state of South Carolina. In addition to the main hospital, there are also 7 community-based outpatient clinics., and Community Living Center (Long Term Care). The hospital is affiliated with the USC School of Medicine, which shares its campus with the hospital. The pharmacy residency program is also affiliated with the South Carolina College of Pharmacy. Many of the clinical faculty members share a position at the VA.

The WJBD VAMC main hospital is a 216 bed facility with an average daily census of 136. Three long-term care units are operated in a separate onsite facility, and the main hospital houses a palliative care unit in addition to providing cardiac services, oncology services, psychiatric services, substance abuse treatment, and many types of surgery. The Geriatric Service Line has an accredited Home Based Primary Care program serving over 300 veterans.

Application and Interview Information

Application Requirements

Completed application (via PhORCAS)

- Three letters of recommendation
- Curriculum Vitae
- College transcripts
- Letter of intent
- Letter from PGY1 Residency Director stating PGY1 requirements being met
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree required, US citizenship required

Number of Positions: 1

Application Deadline: January 15th

Stipend: \$44,1000

Start Date: July 1st

Interview Requirements

- Must attend onsite interview
- 10 minute onsite presentation required to the interview committee



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