



University at Buffalo

School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency

Program Purpose

PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care or other advanced practice settings. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency are prepared for advanced patient care, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification, if available.

Overview of the Residency Program

This program is administered through the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science (UB SPPS) and the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and is sited at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center (BPC) in downtown Buffalo, NY. Strengths of this program include interprofessional, collaborative patient care in the inpatient and outpatient settings and an academic pharmacy experience anchored by the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Graduates will be skilled in providing education to patients and caregivers, pharmacy students, and healthcare providers and will possess project management skills and the skills required to design, implement, manage, and evaluate a clinical psychiatric pharmacy service as well as to prepare for a potential career in academia.

Description of the Practice Site

The Buffalo Psychiatric Center is a 160 bed Joint Commission accredited inpatient psychiatric facility within the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) that also provides outpatient services to thousands of individuals with serious mental illness in the Western New York Community. This residency is unique in that learning experiences are also facilitated at collaborating facilities such as the DENT neurologic institute and the VA Buffalo medical center to allow full exposure of the resident to all domains of required competencies expected of the psychiatric pharmacy expert. Clinical practice opportunities include general adult, mentally ill chemically dependent, forensic and geriatric psychiatry as well as electives in child and adolescent psychiatry. The program provides the flexibility to be individualized based upon candidate interests and career goals.

Required Learning Experiences

Adult Outpatient Clinic is a required learning experience of this residency. The learning experience is comprised of two (2) outpatient clinic modules, each 4 to 8 weeks in length, that focus on the progressive development of the resident as an outpatient psychiatric care pharmacy clinician. The resident will complete this learning experience primarily within the assertive community treatment (ACT) team clinic, which focuses on providing patient-centered pharmacotherapy management to patients with chronic outpatient psychiatric conditions.

Adult Inpatient Clinic is a required learning experience of this residency. The learning experience is comprised of two (2) outpatient clinic modules, each 4 to 8 weeks in length, that focus on the progressive development of the resident as an inpatient psychiatric care pharmacy clinician. The resident will complete this learning experience **primarily** within the geriatric medical unit which focuses on providing patient-centered pharmacotherapy management to geriatric patients with chronic psychiatric and medical conditions in need of inpatient psychiatric

care. The resident will additionally participate in a longitudinal inpatient staffing learning experience throughout the year that allows the resident to provide direct patient care services to all the patients within the inpatient psychiatric center.

University Services and Education is a required learning experience of this residency. The learning experience is comprised of two (2) modules, each 8 weeks in length, that focus on the progressive development of the resident as an academic pharmacy preceptor and practice leader. The resident will complete this learning experience primarily at UB-SPPS and BPC. **Completion** of a Teaching Certificate Program, Journal Club, and ACPE-accredited continuing education program are required. (Note: Teaching Certificate may be waived if previously completed during PGY1)

Neurology is a required 8-week learning experience in this PGY2 residency program. The role of the pharmacist assigned to this practice area is to provide direct patient care through a variety of clinical interventions and activities that focus on the progressive development of the resident as an effective neurologic/psychiatric pharmacist. The resident will complete this learning experience at the DENT Neurologic Institute in Amherst, NY.

PTSD/Substance Abuse Mental Health Clinic is a required 4-week learning experience in this PGY2 residency program. The role of the pharmacist assigned to this practice area is to provide direct patient care through a variety of clinical interventions and activities that focus on the progressive development of the resident as an effective psychiatric pharmacist responsible for the care of patients diagnosed with substance abuse and/or PTSD (among other comorbid diagnoses). This learning experience will be at the DENT Neurologic Institute in Amherst, NY.

Research and Project: The resident is required to complete at least one major project over the course of the year which focuses on the design, implementation, and/or evaluation of a clinical pharmacy service at BPC/OMH.

Administration: The role of the pharmacist assigned to this practice area is to provide leadership and practice management oversight, thus the resident is expected to participate in several committees, such as Quality Management, P&T and contribute to pharmacy department planning and quality improvement initiatives. Other leadership and management experiences may take place within the Department of Pharmacy Practice at UB-SPPS.

Additional Information

Eligibility: Candidates must possess a PharmD degree from an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy, have completed an ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, and be eligible for licensure in New York State.

PhORCAS: Letter of intent, curriculum vitae, three (3) references, and transcripts should be submitted electronically via PhORCAS

Program Duration: 12 months (approximately: July 1 – June 30) **Number of Positions:** 1

Salary and Benefits: Competitive salary; benefits package that includes health insurance, vacation and sick leave, paid holidays, travel support, stipend to attend professional meetings, online library and computer privileges.

Application Deadline: January 8th, 2021

National Matching Service Code: 625266

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The PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency conducted by the UB School of Pharmacy and the New York State Office of Mental Health is accredited with ASHP.