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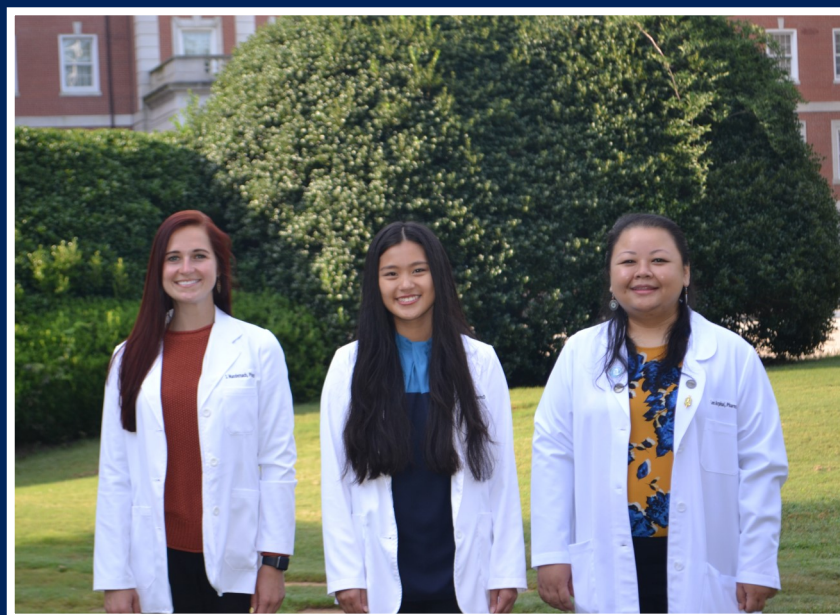


U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration



Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

Montgomery & Tuskegee, AL



Accredited by American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

About the Facility

The Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System (CAVHCS) was established January 1, 1997, from the merger of the Montgomery and Tuskegee VA Medical Centers. Along with seven community-based outpatient clinics, these sites serve more than 134,000 Veterans living in a 43-county area of Georgia and Alabama. CAVHCS exists to provide excellent services to Veterans across the continuum of healthcare. A wide range of inpatient and ambulatory care services are provided in the medical center including internal medicine, primary care, surgery, infectious disease, endocrinology, cardiology, gastroenterology, and mental health.

About the Program

The PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at CAVHCS is an ASHP-accredited, 12-month postgraduate training program beginning in the first week of July. Three applicants are selected through the National Matching Service (NMS) to complete the program.

The program consists of seven required rotations and three elective rotations, each of five weeks duration. Additionally, the residents will be required to participate in four longitudinal rotations. Aside from the requirements of the practice experiences, residents are responsible for providing inpatient staffing every third weekend.



About the Area

Montgomery may be known for world changing events like the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement, but it also has the cool, cosmopolitan feel of a big city. Thanks to a dramatic downtown revitalization, this charming southern town is quickly becoming a must see destination in the Southeast and offers everything from eclectic culinary experiences and world renowned arts and culture, to a hip nightlife scene and the best of family fun. Being the capital of Alabama, Montgomery is located 90 minutes south of Birmingham and 60 minutes west of Auburn. Montgomery is only a short day drive down to the sugary, white sands of the Gulf of Mexico or up to the Georgia state capital found in Atlanta.

How to Apply

Application Requirements

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, graduate of an accredited school of pharmacy, and hold an active pharmacy license or be eligible for licensure in any U.S. state or territory. All applicants must participate in the ASHP Resident Matching Program.

Application Process

Candidates should complete a standard application in the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service, PhORCAS, at <http://www.ashp.org/phorcass>. Requirements for completed applications include:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Intent
- Official Pharmacy School Transcript
- Three Letters of Reference

Application Deadline

All application materials must be submitted via PhORCAS by the first Friday after January 1st .

Interview Notification

Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than the end of February each year.

Position Appointment

Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of physical exam (including drug test). Applicants must meet all requirements for federal employment.

Note: CAVHCS pharmacy residency program agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant. The program adheres to the rules of the ASHP Pharmacy Resident Matching Program.

Benefits

- Competitive Stipend: Estimated \$49,000/year
- Eleven paid federal holidays per year
- Thirteen days of paid annual leave
- Thirteen days of paid sick leave
- Health/Life insurance options
- Additional Dental/Vision insurance options
- Administrative leave for attendance to the ASHP Mid-year Clinical Meeting and/or Southeastern Residency Conference (SERC)



Learning Experiences

Required

- Orientation
- Ambulatory Care I
- Ambulatory Care II
- Anticoagulation
- Home-Based Primary Care/
Community Living Center
- Internal Medicine
- Psychiatry I

Required Longitudinal

- Interprofessional Mental Health
- Practice Management/Drug Information
- Residency Project/
Presentations
- Professional Writing and Publications

Elective

- Academia
- High Risk Diabetes
- Anticoagulation/Cardiology
- Infectious Disease
- Inpatient Psychiatry
- Psychiatry II
- Women's Health
- Pain

Longitudinal Elective Opportunity:

Residency Teaching and Learning Program offered by the Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn University

**Residents may choose to repeat a required experience as an elective so long as no more than one-third of the twelve-month program is conducted with a specific patient population or practice area.*

Contact Information

All correspondence should be addressed to :

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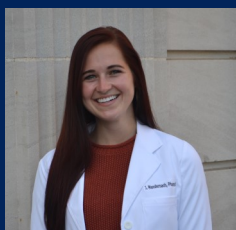
Current Residents

Lee Arphai, Pharm.D.



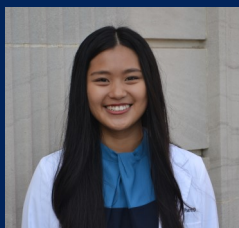
Dr. Arphai grew up in High Point, North Carolina where her large, close-knit family still resides. She is a proud two-time Tar Heel, earning both a Bachelor of Science in Biology (2009) and a Doctorate of Pharmacy (2021) from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her professional interests include ambulatory care with an emphasis on diabetes management, mental health and rural health. Upon completing her PGY1 residency, Lee is considering a PGY2 in ambulatory care or immediately pursuing a position within the Veterans Health Care System. Among her favorite pastimes, she enjoys short walks on the beach, crafting, karaoke, puns, and fishing.

Jaycee Mandernach, Pharm.D.



Dr. Mandernach was born and raised in Iowa and is a proud Hawkeye! She completed her bachelor of science in human physiology at The University of Iowa in 2017 and finished her PharmD at The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 2021. Jaycee's clinical interests are ambulatory care with an emphasis in diabetes, preventative care, and geriatrics. After a successful completion of a PGY1, she plans to continue her career at the VA with a clinical pharmacy position. Some of Jaycee's hobbies include biking/hiking, baking, drinking coffee, traveling, and enjoying time with friends and family.

Wendy Zheng, Pharm.D.



Dr. Zheng graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy in May 2020. She has lived in multiple states, but currently claims Meridian, MS to be her home. Her current career interests include ambulatory care, academia, pain management, and internal medicine. After the completion of her PGY1 residency, Wendy hopes to pursue a PGY2 ambulatory care position with the Department of Veterans Affairs. During her free time, Wendy enjoys spending time with her family and friends, going out to try new restaurants, reading, and playing tennis.

Past Residents

2020-2021

Brianca Fizer, Pharm.D., PGY2 Pharmacy Resident, Mental Health, Federal Health Care Center (FHCC) Lovell, North Chicago IL

Perry Thompson, Pharm.D., Inpatient Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Tuskegee, AL

Jaqueline Waller, Pharm.D., Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Columbus, GA

2019-2020

Michelle Adams, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist, Ambulatory Care, Upstream Healthcare, Greensboro, NC

Jordan Bates, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Extended Care, DeBakey VA, Houston, TX

Rebecca Wynn, Pharm.D., PGY2 Pharmacy Resident, Mental Health, Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center, Tuscaloosa, AL

2018-2019

Hope Allen, Pharm.D., Inpatient Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL

Morgan Fisher, Pharm.D., Anticoagulation Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL

Kelsie Welch, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist –Ambulatory Care/Transitions of Care, Ochsner-LSU Health Shreveport , LA

2017-2018

Sonya Aghili-Mehrizi, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist, Kaiser Permanente, Seattle, WA

Matt Cole, Pharm.D., VISN Pharmacy Program Manager (Informatics & Data Analytics) Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) VA Capital Health Care Network (VISN 5) Linthicum, MD (Virtual)

Cassidy Moses, Pharm.D., Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL

2016-2017

Elliott Carey, Pharm.D., Pharmacist, Publix Pharmacy, Pensacola, FL

Melanie Geiszler, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist, Department of Defense, Ft. Stewart, GA

Britney Willis, Pharm.D., Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL

2015-2016

Amber Cardoza, Pharm.D., BCACP, Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Columbus, GA

Stacy Evans-Forney, Pharm.D., Critical Care Pharmacist, University Medical Center of El Paso, El Paso, TX

Cain Eric Kirk, Pharm.D., BCACP, Cardiology/Population Health Management, VISN4 Clinical Resource Hub, Veterans Health Administration

2014-2015

Jennifer Cook, Pharm.D., Anticoagulation Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL

Eun Pyung Philip Im, Pharm.D., BCPP, Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Atlanta VA Medical Center, Atlanta, GA

Takova Wallace-Gay, Pharm.D., BCACP, Clinical Associate Professor, The University of Texas at Tyler—Fisch College of Pharmacy and Clinical Pharmacist, UT Health Science Center Tyler-North Campus Family Medicine Clinic; Director of Interprofessional Education, The University of Texas—School of Medicine

2013-2014

Alicia Crawford, Pharm.D., BCGP, Community Living Center (CLC) Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Tuskegee, AL

Lauren Massingill, Pharm.D., BCGP, Co-Managed Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist , CAVHCS, Tuskegee, AL

Sarah Sutton, Pharm.D., Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Cincinnati VA Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH

2012-2013

Brandon Benson, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Richmond VA Medical Center, Richmond, VA

Lauren Rass, Pharm.D., BCPS, Ambulatory Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, CAVHCS, Montgomery, AL