North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System



Clinical Pharmacy Research Fellowship

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System's American College of Clinical Pharmacy Peer Reviewed Clinical Pharmacy Research Fellowship is designed to prepare the clinical pharmacist with the expertise necessary to function as an independent investigator. This unique, highly-individualized two-year program supports the VA's mission to improve Veteran and national healthcare by conducting high quality research studies. Fellows are given time to pursue clinical, educational, and administrative activities. Experiences are tailored to the interests of the fellow and have included areas such as cardiology, critical care, internal medicine, and nutrition support.

Current and previous fellows have gained experience working on projects at the local, regional, and national levels in the VA system. Fellows have published manuscripts in peer-review journals and presented abstracts at national scientific meetings including the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, American College of Cardiology, Society of Critical Care Medicine, and American Thoracic Society. Learning experiences have included training on the VA Informatics and Computing Infrastructure (VINCI) to conduct research. Didactic learning experiences through the University of Florida are available.

The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System is a comprehensive, integrated healthcare system that provides quality clinical programs and services to veterans. We offer primary healthcare services, as well as highly specialized, technologically advanced clinical care. The system includes two hospitals, three large satellite outpatient clinics, and several small community-based outpatient clinics. The primary training site for this program is the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville, a 280-bed tertiary academic medical center. The facility's primary academic affiliation is with the University of Florida.

RESEARCH RELATED ACTIVITIES

The fellow will achieve competency in all steps of the research process:

- •Hypothesis development and testing
- Protocol development and submission
- •Study design development and IRB approval
- Data collection
- Statistical analysis of data
- •Data analysis and interpretation
- Abstract preparation and submission
- Presentation of research at peer-reviewed scientific meetings
- •Manuscript preparation and submission for publication in peer-reviewed journals

ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Fellows are given a portion of their time to pursue clinical, teaching, and administrative interests

TIME COMMITMENT

Successful fellows will be awarded a certificate of completion following a minimum of 3000 hours of research related activities over two years

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be licensed pharmacists and have a Pharm.D. with residency training preferred
- Interested candidates must submit a letter of intent, curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation
- US Citizenship required

CONTACT INFORMATION

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This fellowship training program has been reviewed by the ACCP Research Fellowship Program Review Committee, and is recognized as meeting the ACCP Guidelines for Research Fellowship Training Programs

