

Palm Beach Atlantic University PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency

The PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at the Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy is designed to develop ambulatory care practitioners equipped with a high level of skill in providing direct patient care to complex ambulatory patients with diverse disease states. During this unique program, residents spend approximately 50% of their time within the primary care and specialty clinics of the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. The remaining time is spent in faculty-run clinics in Palm Beach County, primarily Elite Coastal Healthcare. Participation in our program provides diverse experiences in both the public and private sector that equip the resident to be a well-rounded, adaptable ambulatory care practitioner. Additionally, residents will participate in topic discussions, journal clubs, in-services, and presentations as assigned throughout the residency year.

Residents are given an appointment as an instructor of pharmacy practice within the Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy and participate in the training of pharmacy students at various time points throughout the academic year. Teaching responsibilities may include, but are not limited to teaching didactic lectures, participating in the development and delivery of active learning exercises, and serving as facilitators within the case studies series. Residents are assigned an academic preceptor to guide their experience throughout the year. Residents have the option of completing the teaching certificate program.

Completion of a longitudinal research project of the resident's choosing is a requirement of the program. Residents will work with a faculty member within the School of Pharmacy to plan, implement, and evaluate the results of the chosen project. Residents are required to present preliminary project results in the form of a poster at ASHP's Midyear Meeting. Final project results are required to be presented to School of Pharmacy faculty at the end of the residency year. A final manuscript in publishable form is a requirement for completion of the residency program.

PGY2 Residency Application Procedures

See ASHP website for application deadlines.

Applicants must be a graduate of an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education accredited School of Pharmacy with a Pharm.D. degree and be US citizens. Additionally, applicants must be enrolled in or have completed an ASHP accredited PGY1, PGY1 community, or PGY1 managed care residency program, have obtained licensure within the U.S., and be willing and able to obtain licensure within the State of Florida by the end of the first quarter of the PGY2 residency year. Applicants must have an aptitude and motivation for both ambulatory patient care and academia.

The following are application requirements for this program and should be submitted through PHORCAS:

- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three letters of reference

- Official transcript
- A one-paragraph statement describing how the mission statement of PBA aligns with your personal values.

Assigned Residency Sites:

West Palm Beach VA Medical Center: The West Palm Beach VA Medical Center is a 270-bed medical facility and center for excellence in primary care. The medical center offers a wide array of pharmaceutical services. Pharmacy services include pharmacotherapy clinics, cardiology clinic, infectious diseases, psychiatry, pain management and acute and critical care medicine. The resident completes two, 8-week blocks in the primary care clinics at the VA. Additionally, the resident completes a 4-week outpatient cardiology learning experience as well as a half day longitudinal learning experience over 3 months in anticoagulation. The resident may elect to complete up to 3 elective learning experiences in any of the VA specialty clinics such as pain management, psychiatry, or geriatrics.

Elite Coastal Healthcare: Elite Coastal Healthcare is an independently-owned family medicine clinic located in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. The clinic has one physician, three nurse practitioners, and one clinical pharmacist. The clinical pharmacist provides billable clinical pharmacy services via collaborative practice agreement, including Medicare Wellness Visits, medication reviews, chronic care management, diabetes education, pharmacogenomic testing and reviews, hormone replacement therapy services, and more. In addition to direct patient care, the pharmacist also completes refill requests, prior authorizations, and patient assistance paperwork and manages the practice's medication samples to enhance patient access to medications. Residents complete a longitudinal learning experience throughout the entire residency year within this setting.

Palm Beach Atlantic University: Palm Beach Atlantic University is a Christ centered university with a focus on character formation. The Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy at Palm Beach Atlantic University exists to produce servant leaders within the pharmacy profession. Residents receive an appointment as an instructor of pharmacy practice and complete all aspects of their teaching certificate within the School of Pharmacy. Residents work closely with faculty within the School of Pharmacy in the classroom and during their direct patient care experiences.

Electives: Residents may have elective experiences at other faculty-run clinics in the area dependent upon elective area and faculty availability. Additionally, Palm Beach Atlantic University is home to the Gregory Center for Medical Missions. As such, the resident may have the opportunity to complete an elective learning experience in pharmacy missions which includes a short-term international medical missions experience.

Program Contact:

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For questions regarding the program or application materials, please contact the program director:

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