



Harding University College of Pharmacy and White River Rural Health Center Pharmacy Residency



Harding University College of Pharmacy (HUCOP) and White River Rural Health Center (WRRHC) are offering an Pharmacy Residency. HUCOP, a private Christian institution of higher education, is chiefly supported by the fellowship of the churches of Christ. WRRHC, a private non-profit corporation, was developed to provide affordable care to meet primary medical, behavioral health, and dental care for residents in rural Arkansas. Since 1996 it has been affiliated with Baptist Health and provides services in twenty different facilities within its 10 county catchment area.

WRRHC and HUCOP have collaborated in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative (PSPC) to enhance clinical pharmacy services in the corporation. The goal for this collaboration is achieving ultimate health outcomes for the patient population served. The Pharmacy Residency is a one year program designed for the individual seeking to develop the expertise to assess, design, implement, and monitor a safe and effective evidence-based, individualized medication therapy plan in an ambulatory care rural setting. The Pharmacy resident will gain experience in community-based rural health clinics involved in direct care of a diverse patient population. The resident is expected to become proficient in the management of diabetes, anticoagulation, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, behavioral health, and special populations such as immunosuppressed and geriatric patients.

The Pharmacy resident is also actively involved in the design and conduct of a residency research project suitable for publication. Other activities include development/implementation of drug use initiatives and participation in resident journal club. The resident holds a faculty appointment at the instructor level with HUCOP whereby experience is gained in teaching didactic lectures in pharmacotherapeutic modules, leading small group practicum sessions within the pharmacotherapeutic modules, and precepting doctor of pharmacy students during their experiential rotations. Flexibility is provided to meet the individual resident's goals. The ultimate goal of the program is to enable the resident to become adept in the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to optimize pharmacotherapy outcomes and produce proficient practitioners providing patient care to diverse populations.

The pharmacy resident will be engaged in providing the following services:

- Medication therapy management and optimization of chronic diseases (ie. diabetes, hypertension, asthma, hyperlipidemia, cardiovascular disease)
- Education programs - patient counseling in person or by phone, creating educational handouts
- In-services and drug information services to health care professionals and staff
- Documentation of pharmacist-performed clinical activities including intervention recommendations and monitoring notes
- Promotion of cost-effective pharmacy practice
- Committee and project development

Certification

Upon successful completion of the Pharmacy Residency, each resident receives a Certificate of Completion from HUCOP and WRRHC. To successfully complete the Pharmacy residency the resident must:

- Obtain a minimum of 2,000 hours of training time over no less than 50 weeks

- Meet the objectives of each rotation and for the program in general
- Satisfactorily complete a research project
- Contribute to providing optimal patient care and to achieving the mission and goals of HUCOP and WRRHC

Hours

For the majority of the residency, the resident's schedule will include 10 hours per day, five days per week. The resident will spend one day (ie. 8 hours per week) staffing in the pharmacy at WRRHC-Brinkley. The goal of this experience is to help the resident integrate didactic and patient care knowledge into the actual day-to-day practice of medication therapy management for individualized patient care in an ambulatory care rural setting.

Evaluation

Core standards for resident performance have been established to provide clear expectations. The Residency Learning System (RLS) is used to ensure that the resident receives ongoing feedback that facilitates the development of skills throughout the year.

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Block Core Rotations

- Infectious disease management
- Ambulatory care
- Behavioral health care
- Pain management
- HIV/AIDS care program
- Family practice
- Pediatrics
- Geriatrics

Longitudinal Core Rotations

- Outpatient anticoagulant management
- Medication therapy management
- Research
- Nicotine dependence treatment
- Patient assistance programs

Elective Rotations

- Wellness clinic
- Women's health
- Cardiology
- Oral health/dentistry
- Diabetes self-management
- Organizational management
- Asthma management
- Other opportunities available dependant on resident interest

Application Process

Eligible candidates will have a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and will be eligible for Arkansas licensure. An on-site interview is required. Application materials include: curriculum vitae, college transcripts, letter of intent, and three letters of recommendation. Completed applications should be forwarded to:

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Residency Program

Duration/Type: 12 months

Number Positions: 1

Starting Date: July 1 or when position is filled

Estimated Stipend: \$35,000

Benefits: Health, dental, eye care, life, and disability; 2 weeks vacation, minimum 1 week professional travel, travel support available

Interview Required: Yes

Training Site Type: Community Rural Health Center

Owner/Affiliates: Private, non-profit

Model (type): Ambulatory, Teaching

Total Facilities: 20