The VA West Los Angeles Healthcare Center is the largest and is among the most complex VA facilities in the United States. It is affiliated with UCLA and more than 22 other academic institutions including UCSF, University of Pacific, USC, and Western University School of Pharmacy. It provides a full spectrum of primary and tertiary inpatient and ambulatory care (acute, sub-acute, rehabilitation, extended care, mental health services, and home healthcare) to over 1 million veterans residing in the primary service area of Los Angeles County, which has the largest concentration of veterans of any county in the United States.

The comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services provided include a broad range of medical, surgical, and psychiatric care. Internal Medicine subspecialties include cardiology, infectious diseases, gastroenterology, allergy, pulmonology, nephrology, endocrinology, rheumatology, and hematology/oncology. Major surgical subspecialties include orthopedics, urology, neurosurgery, ophthalmology, plastics, ENT, podiatry, and cardiac surgery.

In addition to the Post-acute Care inpatient unit, there are two 120-bed nursing home care units located on the grounds and an active home based care program.

**PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

This residency is structured primarily on the ASHP standards and will be tailored to the needs of the resident. Objectives for the program are based upon those developed by the ASHP Residents Learning System as well as objectives applicable for the various local rotations.

**ROTATIONS OFFERED**

- Acute care medicine*
- Acute care surgery
- Critical Care
- Cardiology
- Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM)*
- Antimicrobial*
- Ambulatory Care (WLA)*
- Psychiatry
- Oncology
- Geriatrics
- Neurology
- * Required rotations

Residents have 2 electives to chose from; residents are allowed to go off-site to either Sepulveda ambulatory care or LAAC ambulatory care for 1 of the 2 electives.

**STAFFING REQUIREMENT**

Performing pharmacokinetics and staffing on the weekend for 1 day for 3 rotations of the year (total 18 weekend days).

**Teaching Responsibility:**

Residents will have opportunity to precept senior level USC, USSF, Western University, and UOP pharmacy students during their rotations.

For additional information, please contact:

Irene Marshall, Pharm.D., FASHP, Education Coordinator or
Trisha Nguyen, Pharm.D, M.S, BCPS., Pharmacy Practice Program Director

Department of Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System – Sepulveda Division
16111 Plummer Street #119
North Hills, CA 91343
(818) 895-9341

Application is due by January 1, 2002