

VCU Health Pharmacy Resident Profiles 2025 - 2026

PGY1 Pharmacy Residents

Eleanor “Ellie” Carr, PharmD

Hometown

Glen Allen, Virginia

Undergraduate

Longwood University

Pharmacy School

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy

Interests

Emergency Medicine, Academia

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Thrifting, crafting, Solidcore, and going to the farmers market with my dog

Why VCU Health System

The preceptors and program directors really care about you as a person. They make a conscientious effort to prepare you for your future goals and will challenge you to practice at the top of your license. I really felt that VCUHS cultivated an environment aimed to guide residents to success.



Abigail Christman, PharmD

Hometown

Syracuse, New York

Undergraduate

University of Pittsburgh

Pharmacy School

University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy

Interests

Cardiology, Critical Care, and Solid Organ Transplant

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Reading, spending time outside (walking/hiking), exploring new places and trying new food, and listening to music

Why VCU Health System

When I spoke to the residency leadership team, I could immediately tell that they cared deeply about all their residents and wanted to help them any way they could. This was also evident in the preceptors as well because they wanted to help foster growth professionally and personally. The interprofessional teams value pharmacists and their contributions to patient care, which helps foster learning and collaboration. Also, I really appreciate the relationship between VCU Health System and the VCU School of Pharmacy.



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Sydney Jablonski, PharmD

Hometown

Charleston, South Carolina

Undergraduate

Clemson University

Pharmacy School

Medical University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy

Interests

Critical Care and Internal Medicine

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Reading, exercising, thrifting, hanging out with my dog, and being outside!

Why VCU Health System

VCU provides countless opportunities to challenge you to become a strong and well-rounded pharmacist. Preceptors truly care about you and foster your growth with your interests in mind. Pharmacists are a vital part of the interprofessional team at VCU Health System, and our contribution is very wanted and valued.



Madhura Pradhan, PharmD

Hometown

Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Undergraduate

University of Minnesota

Pharmacy School

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Eshelman School of Pharmacy

Interests

Oncology

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Exploring different coffee shops and restaurants, hanging out with my co-residents, traveling, exercising, reading, meal-prepping, listening to Jason Derulo

Why VCU Health System

VCU Health System is a large, academic medical center and represents where I would like to practice in the future. I really enjoyed my conversations with the residents at Midyear and the preceptors on my interview day! During the interview process, I thoroughly appreciated being asked on two separate occasions about my 4th year research project. This made it feel like the institution cares not just if an applicant “checked the box” on completing research during pharmacy school, but that they were genuinely curious about me, my research, and in a way acknowledged the work that went into the project.



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Robyn Turner, PharmD

Hometown

Ramona, California

Undergraduate

California State University, Chico

Pharmacy School

University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy

Interests

Oncology, Pediatrics

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Traveling, exploring new restaurants/breweries, spending time with my family

Why VCU Health System

I was drawn to VCU Health System because of its reputation as a leading academic medical center with numerous opportunities in a wide variety of specialties. The strong presence of pharmacists on the interdisciplinary team and the institution's commitment to patient-centered care stood out to me as well. I was confident that I would be supported in becoming a competent and well-rounded pharmacist.



Harry "Grant" Woodard, PharmD

Hometown

Concord, North Carolina

Undergraduate

St. Louis College of Pharmacy

Pharmacy School

St. Louis College of Pharmacy

Interests

Solid Organ Transplant

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Soccer, golf, lifting, running (all sports and being outdoors!)

Why VCU Health System

After my interview I instantly knew that VCU Health System would push me to grow both personally and professionally. VCU Health System provides high-level clinical rotations, has an excellent relationship with the VCU School of Pharmacy, and most importantly has excellent clinical preceptors who care about resident growth and development.



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Health-System Pharmacy Administration

Josephine “Josie” Gresko, PharmD

Hometown

Fredericksburg, Virginia

Undergraduate

College of William & Mary

Pharmacy School

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy

Interests

Medication safety, Regulatory and compliance, Policy, Academia

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Hiking, pickleball, traveling, reading, K-Dramas

Why VCU Health System

I admire how VCU Health Systems PGY1/PGY2 HSPAL program strives to create well-rounded pharmacy leaders with strong clinical backgrounds. Furthermore, learning opportunities are flexible, and many preceptors will tailor experiences to individual interests. While enrolled as a pharmacy student and now as a resident, I have grown to admire VCU's dedication to interprofessional collaboration, patient safety, and education.



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PGY2 Pharmacy Residents

Health-System Pharmacy Administration

Dan Elkes, PharmD, MBA

Hometown

Baltimore, Maryland

Undergraduate

University of Florida

Pharmacy School

University of Florida College of Pharmacy

PGY1 Residency

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System

Interests

Operations, Automation, Informatics, Central services

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Officiating local sports, cooking, and competitive powerlifting

Why VCU Health System

VCU Health System has a strong commitment to resident wellbeing and overall education. The residency program works closely with the VCU School of Pharmacy to engage us to not only be better learners, but teachers as well. VCU Health System is a growing enterprise and a true health-system with a diverse leadership group which pursues excellence of care and prioritizes patient and team member safety.



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Ambulatory Care

Crystal Akpede, PharmD

Hometown

Gilbert, Arizona

Undergraduate

University of Arizona

Pharmacy School

University of Arizona College of Pharmacy

PGY1 Residency

Howard University Hospital

Interests

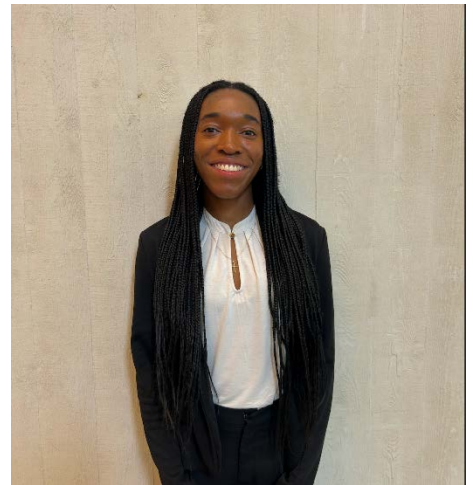
Women's health, Anticoagulation, Diabetes, Geriatrics, HIV/ID, Transitions of Care

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Legos, trying new food places, concerts, traveling

Why VCU Health System

I was drawn to the VCU Health System residency because I was confident I would be provided with opportunities to continue to grow and develop my current practice abilities and to become a well-rounded ambulatory care pharmacist able to practice at the top of my license. VCU Health System offers a wide variety of clinical ambulatory rotations with amazing preceptors in each of the different clinics that care about your growth as a pharmacist and person.



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Critical Care

Sterling Baumgarten, PharmD

Hometown

Richmond, Virginia

Undergraduate

University of Virginia

Pharmacy School

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy

PGY1 Residency

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System

Interests

Surgical-Trauma, Cardiology

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Trying new restaurants and breweries, reading, baking

Why VCU Health System

I was confident that VCU Health System would give me the resources to be successful during residency! All the preceptors are supportive and practice at the top of their field. I also enjoy the academic medical center environment and the close relationship with VCU School of Pharmacy.



Allison “Ally” Murchison, PharmD

Hometown

Buffalo, New York

Undergraduate

University of Florida

Pharmacy School

University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

PGY1 Residency

West Virginia University Medicine

Interests

Neurocritical Care, Surgical-Trauma Intensive Care

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Trying new restaurants and breweries, traveling, supporting the Buffalo Bills

Why VCU Health System

As an external PGY2, I was confident that VCU Health Systems diverse rotation opportunities and dedication to a well-rounded critical care program would provide me with an excellent PGY2 experience. The preceptors at VCU Health System are extremely invested in growing residents both personally and professionally! I also really enjoy the city of Richmond and there are a lot of small neighborhoods, restaurants, and businesses to explore!



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Internal Medicine

Lane Brown, PharmD

Hometown

Kingstree, South Carolina

Undergraduate

University of South Carolina

Pharmacy School

University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy

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Mission Health

Interests

Gastroenterology/Hepatology, Infectious Disease, Psychiatry, Academia

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Trying new restaurant and breweries, reading, finding new ways to consume caffeine

Why VCU Health System

I chose VCU Health System because of the academia-related opportunities through the school of pharmacy; this residency program also offers unique electives that I could not find elsewhere, such as Digestive Health.



Caitlyn Cason, PharmD

Hometown

Poquoson, Virginia

Undergraduate

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Pharmacy School

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy

PGY1 Residency

Mission Health

Interests

Infectious Disease, Trauma-Surg, Neurology, Transitions of Care

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Live music, trying new breweries, reading

Why VCU Health System

The program's close relationship with the VCU School of Pharmacy offers a wide range of academia opportunities!



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Oncology

Shelbie Dunivan, PharmD

Hometown

Richmond, Virginia

Undergraduate

Virginia Commonwealth University

Pharmacy School

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy

PGY1 Residency

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System

Interests

Adult hematology; CIT/BMT; Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Cats, tabletop role playing games, videogames, and reading

Why VCU Health System

I chose VCU Health System for its diverse rotation opportunities and incredible preceptors who are passionate about teaching and mentorship. Richmond also played a big role in my decision—I love the vibrant food scene, live music, and the overall energy of the city. VCU Health System offers the perfect combination of professional growth and personal enjoyment.



Macy Murren, PharmD

Hometown

Richmond, Virginia

Undergraduate

University of Virginia

Pharmacy School

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy

PGY1 Residency

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System

Interests

Adult hematology; Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Reading, baking, and my chickens!

Why VCU Health System

I love Richmond and the variety of activities it has to offer! Additionally, I appreciate the diverse rotation opportunities offered by VCU Health System and the dedicated preceptors within each program.



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Pediatrics

Amy Miller, PharmD

Hometown

Columbia, South Carolina

Undergraduate

University of South Carolina

Pharmacy School

University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy

PGY1 Residency

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System

Interests

Pediatrics, specifically General Pediatrics or PICU

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Reading, exercising and shopping!

Why VCU Health System

VCU Health System is an amazing place to grow and learn as an aspiring clinical pharmacist. Our preceptors truly push us to achieve our highest potential while still maintaining a supportive learning environment. Additionally, the respect we receive as pharmacists and desire for us to be a part of the medical team from the physicians is evident. They truly want us to be a part of the team and highly value our opinion.



Psychiatry

Michelle Allsup, PharmD

Hometown

Saint Augustine, Florida

Undergraduate

Auburn University

Pharmacy School

Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy

PGY1 Residency

Memorial Health University Medical Center

Interests

Pediatric psychiatry, Medical psychiatry, Academia

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Auburn sports (War Eagle!), Jacksonville Jaguars, Atlanta Braves, baking, reading, exploring the city and going outside

Why VCU Health System

Coming from an outside PGY-1 program, I was attracted to VCU Health Systems diversity in patient populations, collaboration with physicians and students, and the perfect balance of inpatient and outpatient opportunities. I felt like I can take the skills I learned last year to be a clinical pharmacist and expand upon them to become more well-rounded.



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Solid Organ Transplant

Fadel Dadabaev, PharmD

Hometown

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Undergraduate

Camden County College

Pharmacy School

Jefferson College of Pharmacy

PGY1 Residency

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System

Interests

Abdominal and Cardiothoracic Transplant

Interests Outside Pharmacy

Swimming, boxing, playing pickleball/tennis, watching sports, and cooking!

Why VCU Health System

VCU Health System is a well-regarded academic medical center that serves as a platform for growth for many healthcare professionals. The major driving factor for choosing the VCU Health System for me was the team of caring and knowledgeable preceptors who showed their enthusiasm for teaching and precepting during my interactions with them at multiple professional sessions. Additionally, the complexity of disease states that VCU Health System manages provides a challenging and stimulating environment that I believe will enhance my clinical skills!

