



ASHP Foundation News Release

ASHP Foundation Announces 2017 Patient-Centered Ambulatory Care Traineeship Participants *Four pharmacists complete intensive training to optimize care of ambulatory patients*

BETHESDA, MD (June 20, 2017) -- Four pharmacists recently completed the ASHP Research and Education Foundation's Patient-Centered Ambulatory Care Optimized Traineeship. During this two-part educational program, participants learned to elevate quality, safety, and outcomes in medical homes, and clinics. Through a combination of focused distance and experiential training, participants built competence that enabled them to implement services and quality metrics in their organizations, transform patient care, and optimize outcomes.

"Specialty training prepares pharmacists through hands-on patient care experience with guidance from experts currently working in their field of practice," said William Hitch, Pharm.D., BCPS, CPP, traineeship faculty member, director of pharmacotherapy at Mountain Area Health Education Center in Asheville, North Carolina, and residency assistant director and assistant professor of Clinical Education at the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy. "This traineeship provides not only content-based education, but an opportunity to immerse yourself in a clinical specialty and experience the practical application of pharmacotherapy."

As an employer, this traineeship is the type of experience that Dr. Hitch looks for in new hires. "I look for any way to differentiate highly qualified applicants from the rest, and a traineeship is one great way to do that. This traineeship is an investment in yourself, and one that will pay dividends down the road in your career satisfaction and your impact upon the patients you serve and the profession you represent. I hope my trainees walk away with new ideas for pharmacy services that could be implemented within their own practices."

The 2017 trainees, specified by training site and faculty member, are:

Bon Secours Virginia Health System
Richmond, VA
Faculty: Kerri Musselman, Pharm.D.

Kelly Taylor, Pharm.D.
OSF St. Francis Medical Center
Peoria, IL

Mountain Area Health Education Center
Asheville, NC
Faculty: Bill Hitch Pharm.D., BCPS, CPP

Amy Selbyg, Pharm.D.
Naval Hospital Bremerton
Bremerton, WA

Summa Health System

Akron, OH

Faculty: Michelle Cudnik, Pharm.D., BCACP

Kimberly Thompson, Pharm.D.
Nebraska Medicine
Omaha, NE

University of Michigan Medical Group

Ann Arbor, MI

Faculty: Hae Mi Choe, Pharm.D.

Adenrele Fabayo, R.Ph., M.P.H., Ph.D.
Holy Cross Hospital
Silver Spring, MD

For More Information

Learn more about the following traineeships, which will begin accepting applications for the 2017-2018 cycle on June 23, 2017:

- [Advanced Pain Management & Palliative Care](#)
- [Critical Care Concentrated](#)
- [Patient-Centered Medical Home](#)

About the ASHP Foundation

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation (www.ashpfoundation.org) was established in 1968 by ASHP (www.ashp.org) as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. As the philanthropic arm of ASHP, our vision is that patient outcomes improve because of the leadership and clinical skills of pharmacists, as vital members of the healthcare team, accountable for safe and effective medication use. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of patients in health systems through appropriate, safe and effective medication use.

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