



## ASHP Foundation News Release

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### **ASHP Foundation Recognizes 2017 Oncology Traineeship Participants**

*Two pharmacists master intensive training to improve care of patients with cancer*

**BETHESDA, MD** (June 21, 2017) -- Two pharmacists participated in the ASHP Research and Education Foundation's Enhanced Oncology Patient Care Traineeship.

The traineeship is a five-month educational experience during which pharmacists are educated and trained to develop and maintain specialized services for the management of patients with cancer. Trainees engage in intensive distance learning activities and complete 10 days of onsite experiential training. The program aims to enhance their ability to participate on inter-professional patient care teams as the healthcare professional responsible and accountable for patients' medication-related outcomes. The clinical skills developed through the traineeship, along with the long-term guidance offered by the faculty preceptors, have positions participants to develop oncology pharmacy services at their institutions.

"Due to the dynamic nature of oncology it can be challenging as a provider to stay current on new therapies and treatment paradigms," said Amanda Peffer, Pharm.D., BCOP, traineeship faculty member and clinical pharmacist at the University of Washington Medical Center/Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. "Specialty training provides pharmacists with knowledge and confidence to work closely with other health care providers to provide customized recommendations. Our objectives for the trainees are optimally tailored to meet their individual goals or educational needs. They observe and evaluate a wide variety of services and clinical practices in both the inpatient and outpatient oncology areas. This allows the trainees to spend dedicated time thoughtfully considering how some of the services we provide could be adapted to their home institutions."

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

**University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center**  
**Houston, TX**  
**Faculty: Debbie McCue, Pharm.D.**

Samantha Schmidt, Pharm.D.  
Lexington Medical Center  
West Columbia, SC

**University of Washington Medical Center**  
**Seattle, WA**  
**Faculty: Amanda C. Peffer, Pharm.D., BCOP**

Cherie Beando, Pharm.D., M.P.A.  
Nanticoke Cancer Care Center  
Seaford, DE

### **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 and Palliative Care](#)
- [Critical Care Concentrated](#)
- [Patient-Centered Medical Home](#)

### **About the ASHP Foundation**

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation ([www.ashpfoundation.org](http://www.ashpfoundation.org)) was established in 1968 by ASHP ([www.ashp.org](http://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 who, as vital members of the healthcare team, are 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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