The University of Georgia, Charlie Norwood Augusta VA Medical Center, and Mercy Health Center collaborate to offer an exciting and unique residency program. The Residency Program Director is a UGA faculty member and fully appointed clinical pharmacist at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center. Clinical pharmacists and faculty from UGA and both clinic sites provide guidance and preceptorship in the program. The primary practice sites are the VA Outpatient Clinic and Mercy Health Center, both in Athens, GA.

1. **Where is the program based?**  
   Athens, GA

2. **Is the program ASHP-accredited?**  
   Yes!

3. **What is a graduate certificate?**  
   Residents at the University of Georgia are enrolled as graduate students. Upon successful completion of the program, residents earn a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Pharmacy.

4. **Does the residency participate in the ASHP Midyear Residency Showcase?**  
   Yes, we participate in the Residency Showcase! Look for us at the University of Georgia (UGA) display.

5. **Does the residency participate in the Personnel Placement Service (PPS) at Midyear?**  
   Yes, we participate in PPS! Stop by to make a personal appointment to speak to us. Residency candidates must be registered themselves in order to gain access to programs in PPS.

6. **Does the residency program participate in the match?**  
   Yes, we do participate in the match. Our National Matching Service (NMS) code is 618265.

7. **Does the residency program participate in PhORCAS, the on-line residency application service?**  
   Yes, interested candidates will need to submit their application through the PhORCAS portal (https://portal.phorcas.org) by the application deadline of January 13th.

8. **Does the resident get to participate in disease state management?**  
   Yes! There are several pharmacist-run clinics at each of the primary sites, and the resident will take an active role in each.

   - At the CBOC, the VA Pharmacist Scope of Practice allowing prescriptive authority lends itself nicely to disease state management of chronic diseases. One example is the Pharmacotherapy Clinic, where patients are referred for a variety of different disease states for optimization of drug therapy and meeting guideline-driven disease state goals. Examples of these disease states include hypertension, diabetes mellitus type 2, dyslipidemia, nicotine dependence, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, anticoagulation and others.
• At Mercy Health Center, clinical pharmacists also operate under a collaborative practice agreement that has been approved by the medical director. The Pharmacotherapy service was started in March 2011 and is a referral-based comprehensive clinic. Most patients are referred for diabetes management, but the pharmacist identifies and evaluates drug-related problems for a variety of disease states. In addition, clinical pharmacists have recently implemented visits for Hepatitis C patients to educate on the use of injectable and other drug therapy, management of side effects, and evaluation of adherence.

9. Can I “moonlight” during the residency?
Residents are not prohibited from working in a pharmacy outside the residency program as long as it meets the ASHP Pharmacy Specific Duty Hours Requirements and does not interfere with residency responsibilities. (http://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Accreditation/Regulations-Standards/Duty-Hours.aspx)

10. Are there opportunities for teaching during the residency?
Yes! The residency program takes full advantage of the faculty and opportunities at the UGA College of Pharmacy. There are many opportunities for small and large group teaching, facilitating, developing new materials and precepting students. Please review the Teaching/Academic (link) section of the website for a description of some of these exciting opportunities.

11. Can I do an elective rotation that is not on the list of potential clinic sites?
Absolutely! If the opportunity exists, the residency program director will work with the resident to develop a good learning experience for the resident.

12. How is the residency project selected?
Residency preceptors provide the resident with a list of potential topics with explanation just before or at the beginning of the residency program. Residents may also come up with a topic on their own. However, the topic must be approved by the residency preceptors to ensure the project could reasonably be completed in one year.

13. Do residents get to go on a “Residency Trip”?
Residents in the past have visited other residency programs during the year. This is a good way to network, meet future colleagues, and compare notes with other programs (besides the fact that it is just plain fun)!

14. Will I have an office and a computer as a resident?
Yes! The resident office is located in the College of Pharmacy with clinical faculty and the other residents. There is also an office and work space at the practice sites. Residents are provided with desktop and laptop computers and printer/copier access.

15. What is the holiday staffing schedule like?
UGA sets the university holiday schedule (http://www.uga.edu/holiday_schedule/) on an annual basis. Additionally, clinics at the VA are closed on Federal holidays. Individual clinic hours may vary; the resident will follow the University schedule unless otherwise noted.

16. What are other benefits of the program?
Health/dental insurance, university holidays, vacation and sick time, professional meeting attendance and travel, laptop computer, UGA lab coats