About Pine Rest

Pine Rest is one of the largest free-standing behavioral health providers in the U.S., offering a full continuum of services including inpatient and partial hospitalization, residential and outpatient services, addiction treatment and recovery, extensive child and adolescent programs, senior care services, as well as specialized assessment and treatment clinics. In addition to the main campus in Grand Rapids, Pine Rest also has several outpatient locations throughout Michigan and two in Iowa. Pine Rest has provided services to the community since 1910.
Physician Assistant (PA) Psychiatry Residency Program

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services Physician Assistant (PA) Psychiatry Residency Program will take its first students in July 2016. Pine Rest is known for its education programs.

The PA Psychiatry Residency program is one of the first of its kind in the country. The Pine Rest model focuses on developing highly trained physician assistants capable of working in both the inpatient and outpatient mental health setting.

A post graduate psychiatry residency program for physician assistants develops skilled mental health providers capable of working as an extension of our psychiatrists. This helps meet the growing mental health need in West Michigan. Utilization of these mid-level providers improves access and reduces wait times for community members.

Program Details

Pine Rest recruits graduates of accredited PA programs or practicing PAs looking for a career change. The program is 12 months long and consists of both didactic education and practical experience. Two residents will be accepted each year.

The 12-month program is a combination of didactics and on the job training in both outpatient and inpatient mental health settings. Segments of the training occurs with psychiatry physician residents to improve the collaborative relationship. Each resident is provided with the necessary practical experience and CME credits to sit for the CAQ psychiatry specialty exam at the end of the 12 months.

During the second six months of the program each PA resident works in a designated outpatient clinic under the direct supervision of their supervising psychiatrist and program director, learning outpatient psychiatric best care practices. It is our belief this closely supervised, and hands on training, is essential in preparing psychiatry PA residents to provide the highest quality of psychiatric care to their patients upon graduation.

Program Requirements

- Master’s level graduates of accredited PA programs across the country
- Candidates must display a strong interest and aptitude for the practice of psychiatry.

The Physician Assistant Psychiatry Residency Program offers a competitive salary with a generous benefit package.

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