

How to Apply

Thank you for your interest in the Carilion Clinic—Virginia Tech Carilion Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship. Applicants must be board-eligible in psychiatry and eligible for Virginia licensure.

To be granted an interview, please submit the following:

- Curriculum Vitae (with recent passport-type photo attached)
- Copy of Medical School transcript and diploma
- Letter of recommendation from the candidate's residency director
- Two other letters of recommendation from physicians who support your interest and goals in geriatric psychiatry
- USMLE step 1, 2 & 3 scores
- ECFMG certificate (if applicable)
- Proof of U.S. citizenship, a copy of Permanent Resident card, or a copy of J1 visa.

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Living in Roanoke, VA

The greater Roanoke region has become not only the business center for western Virginia, but a medical hub as well. It ranks 59 out of 351 by Places Rated Almanac for North American metropolitan areas for availability of quality healthcare.

Young professionals, growing families, and retirees alike continue to be drawn to our distinguished atmosphere of amenity and innovation. State-of-the-art medical care, groundbreaking technological research, and award-winning educational programs and facilities enrich the region. National accolades recognize the region as not only a great place to live and raise a family, but also as a national model for growth and revitalization.

According to the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association (ACCRA), the Roanoke region's cost of living ranks consistently lower than the national average. Located at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Roanoke provides opportunities for outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain biking, and kayaking. The Roanoke Valley and its proximity to Virginia Tech offer excellent job opportunities in the areas of engineering, biotechnology, and marketing, in addition to healthcare.



Carilion Clinic—Virginia Tech Carilion Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship Program

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About the Program

The Carilion Clinic–Virginia Tech Carilion Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship Program offers a 12-month fellowship in geriatric psychiatry that meets the requirements for the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology subspecialty certification examination. Our program trains physicians to be highly competent and caring geriatric psychiatry practitioners. The fellowship also advances mental healthcare in western Virginia by improving the system of care of geriatric psychiatry and by providing community and professional education in geriatric psychiatry topics.

Our mission is to provide an unequaled, real-life learning experience in geriatric psychiatry that prepares our graduates to be highly competent in clinical geriatric care, geriatric research, and geriatric education.

This real-life preparation is gained through diverse clinical opportunities, world-class faculty teaching, and a training program that gives careful attention to balancing the fellow's autonomy, supervision, mentoring, and time devoted to research and didactic activities. The goal of our program is to provide an educational experience whereby graduates will have a high degree of knowledge, skills, and clinical judgment in the diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric disorders and common medical and neurological disorders which relate to the practice of geriatric psychiatry. Graduates must develop requisite interest and skills for continuing their professional development.

Diverse Training Sites

The program is designed to give geriatric psychiatry fellows a comprehensive experience. Fellows are exposed to geriatric psychiatry patients in the inpatient, ambulatory, consultative, palliative care, physical medicine and rehabilitation, and long-term care settings at Carilion's Center for Healthy Aging, Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC), and long-term care facilities in the community.

Educational Experience

Fellows will interact with geriatric psychiatrists, geriatricians, physiatrists, and allied health personnel in a multidisciplinary model. The curriculum combines a longitudinal and a rotational curricular model. The program is comprised of thirteen, four-week blocks.

Conference and Didactic Sessions

The conference schedule includes a weekly, one to two hour conference with members of the faculty for case presentations, death review, and didactics presentations. The conference schedule also includes monthly journal clubs. Geriatric psychiatry fellows are required to present and contribute during journal clubs. Geriatric seminar topics are reviewed and updated yearly to fulfill geriatric medicine and psychiatry requirements.

Research

One half day each week is dedicated to research, self-selected mentoring, and elective time. Seminar lectures focus on various aspects of research. Fellows will develop a research project and topic by August 1st of their fellowship year and a research mentor will be assigned.

Consult/Liaison Rotation

The consult/liaison rotation is based at Carilion Clinic, as well as, the Salem VAMC.

Inpatient Rotation

The inpatient rotation will be primarily based at Catawba Hospital.

Long-term Care Rotation

The long-term care rotations are divided between local nursing homes. The long-term care rotation also includes experiences in assisted living and adult daycare.

Longitudinal Training Rotation

The longitudinal training is divided between a continuity clinic at the Carilion Clinic Center for Healthy Aging and the Memory Disorders clinic at the Salem VAMC.

Neurology Rotation

The neurology rotation is based at the Salem VAMC.

Palliative Care Rotation

The palliative care rotation takes place at Carilion Clinic in the palliative care unit.

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Rotation

The physical medicine and rehabilitation rotation is located at the Carilion Clinic Bone and Joint Center.