WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

Description: The Department of Pathology offers fully approved training programs for residents in anatomic pathology and clinical pathology as a combined AP/CP 4 year program. Training in anatomic pathology encompasses autopsy and surgical pathology, neuropathology, pediatric pathology, dermatopathology, nephropathology, cytopathology, immunopathology and forensic pathology. Clinical pathology training includes hematology, blood banking, coagulation, clinical chemistry, medical microbiology, parasitology, virology, tissue typing, immunology, flow cytometry, computer application to laboratory medicine, cytogenetics and instrumentation. Opportunities are available for specialized training in various techniques including tissue culture, immunohistochemistry and molecular pathology. Research opportunities are available, with emphasis on clinically-related topics. Residents participate in the department's teaching programs.

Types and Numbers of Appointments: Two positions are normally available through the match. The department has ACGME approval to train 12 residents. Post sophomore or upper level fellowships can be arranged.

Facilities: There are a total of 520 beds in the West Virginia University Hospitals, consisting of 445 medical/surgical beds in Ruby Memorial Hospital, and 75 psychiatric beds are at Chestnut Ridge Hospital. Ruby Memorial is the University's main teaching hospital and tertiary referral center. Most of the medical and surgical specialties are represented here, and there is a level 1 trauma center. Several other facilities are present on the same campus. Outpatient clinics are located in the Physicians' Office Center, which is connected to Ruby Memorial Hospital. The Health Sciences Center contains the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center and the Betty Puskar Breast Cancer Center. The Health Sciences Center also contains schools of medicine and dentistry, medical and dental technology, nursing, pharmacy, and physical therapy. Mountain View Regional Rehabilitation Hospital is used by the University hospital and County hospital for patients requiring long-term recovery from trauma and other illnesses. NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) has a major research establishment adjacent to the hospitals. In addition, each resident will do rotations at two affilitated hospitals, Charleston Area Medical Center in Charleston, West Virginia and the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, West Virginia. The department examines approximately 19,000 surgical and 16,000 cytologic specimens per year. Autopsy numbers from Ruby Memorial Hospital and Charleston Area Medical Center average 50 autopsies per year. In addition, approximately 250 medical legal autopies (forensics) are performed at the Ruby Memorial Hospital autopsy facilities. Anatomic pathology utilizes a COPATH computer system. The clinical laboratory currently performs more than 2,000,000 examinations per year and uses the Sunquest computer system. The laboratories are well equipped in all areas including special laboratories for coagulation and platelet studies, enzymology, and immunology. The Health Sciences Center contains 190,000 volumes and receives 2,400 periodicals.

Community: Morgantown, with a population of 35,000, is located on the Monongahela River 75 miles south of Pittsburgh. Elevation varies from 850 to about 2,000 feet above sea level. West Virginia University, the principal institution for higher education in the state, has a student enrollment of 25,000 on its three Morgantown campuses. Educational, cultural, and recreational facilities of the university, as well as tickets for intercollegiate athletic events, are available to house staff. The Center for Creative Arts has several series of repertory groups. Many outdoor recreational facilities (fishing, boating, skiing, golfing, etc.) are nearby.

Stipends: Stipends are determined by the candidate's previous training and experience. For 2012-2013, the stipend for trainees at the postgraduate year one PGY1 level is approximately $50,411 with yearly increases thereafter. Professional liability insurance, uniforms, uniform laundry, health insurance, a book allowance and a travel allowance for residents in their second and subsequent years in the program are furnished.

Applications: First year resident candidates applying directly from medical schools in the United States or Canada should register with the National Resident Matching Program unless there is specific reason for applying outside the match. July 1 is the usual beginning date for appointments. Upper level candidates or those interested in fellowships may apply directly.

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