



PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency

William S. Middleton VA Hospital in Madison, WI

Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

At the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, we are committed to fostering and sustaining an environment which celebrates diversity, provides equitable opportunities for employment and promotion, and supports inclusiveness in pharmacy culture. We embrace our differences as individuals and unite as a pharmacy team toward a common goal: to deliver optimal, patient-centered care for our nation's Veterans.

Purpose

PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care or other advanced practice settings. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency are prepared for advanced patient care, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification, when available.

Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency should possess competencies that qualify them for clinical pharmacist and/or faculty positions and allow them to be eligible for attainment of board certification in ambulatory care pharmacy.

This program is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, according to the ASHP Accreditation Standards for PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residences.

This residency is designed to develop skills in the following areas:

- Patient Care
- Teaching and Precepting
- Leadership and Practice Advancement
- Research Project Management
- Formulary Management
- Professional Growth and Development

Structure:

To develop the above skills, the resident will have the following required learning experiences:

Learning Experience	Frequency and Duration
Anticoagulation	1 half day x 24 weeks
Chief Resident	1 half day x weeks as listed below 2 Residents: 24 weeks 3 Residents: 18 weeks 4 residents: 12 weeks 5 residents: 12 weeks
Diabetes Specialty Clinic	1 half day x 24 weeks
Formulary Management	1 half day x 12 weeks (40 hours total during non-scheduled time)
Integrated Care and Depression Care Management (DCM)	1 half day x 24 weeks
Orientation and Transition Schedule	5 full days x 2 weeks
Patient Care Management	1 half day x 24 weeks
PGY2 Professional Advancement and Leadership Series (PALS)	2 hours/month x 52 weeks (throughout the year – grids closed if needed)
Practice Management	1 half day x 50 weeks
Primary Care	7 half days x 24 weeks
Residency Research Project	1 half day x 52 weeks (non-scheduled time)
Teaching (Pharmacotherapy Lab)	5 half days x 4 weeks (throughout the year – grids closed if needed)
Tobacco Treatment	1 half day x 52 weeks
Yale Curriculum and VIONE	1 half day x 24 weeks

Other learning opportunities:

Residents may choose 6-7 elective learning experiences from the below list to incorporate throughout the year:

Clinical	
Learning Experience	Frequency and Duration
Allergy	1 half day x 12 weeks
Antimicrobial Stewardship	1 full day x 6 weeks
Endocrine	1 half day x 12 weeks
Epilepsy	1 half day x 12 weeks
Gastroenterology (GI) Clinic	1 full day x 6 weeks
Geriatrics	2 half days x 6 weeks
Heart Failure	1 half day x 12 weeks
Hematology/Oncology	1 full day x 6 weeks
Infectious Disease Clinic	2 half days x 6 weeks
Mental Health	1 half day x 12 weeks
Nutrition	1 half day x 12 weeks
Osteoporosis	1 half day x 12 weeks
Pain Clinic	1 full day x 6 weeks

Palliative Care	1 half day x 12 weeks
Precision Medicine	1 full day x 6 weeks
Pulmonary	1 half day x 12 weeks
Renal Hypertension	1 half day x 12 weeks
Rheumatology	1 full day x 6 weeks
Specialty Medication Management	1 half day x 12 weeks
Transplant	1 full day x 6 weeks
Womens Health	1 full day x 6 weeks
Administrative	
Learning Experience	Frequency and Duration
Academic Detailing	1 full day x 6 weeks
Administrative Leadership Projects	1 half day x 12 weeks
Scholarly	
Learning Experience	Frequency and Duration
Academia	1 half day x 24 weeks

Special Features of our Program:

Prescriptive Authority: Residents have prescriptive authority to order medications, laboratory tests, imaging, and consults to other services within their scope of practice.

Education Series: Residents present journal clubs, patient cases, and disease state reviews to residents and preceptors both locally and regionally.

Clinical Instructor Status: This program is associated with the University of Wisconsin—Madison School of Pharmacy, where residents serve as clinical instructors in pharmacotherapy labs and for didactic lectures. Residents also have the opportunity to precept School of Pharmacy students throughout the educational year.

Chief Resident: PGY2 ambulatory care residents mentor PGY1 residents and rotate through serving as Chief Resident to support both residency and department functions.

Interprofessional Collaboration: Clinical Pharmacy Specialists and residents are core members of the Patient-Aligned Care Team (PACT), and provide disease state management. Each team consists of a primary care provider, pharmacist, nurse, social worker, dietician, and a mental health provider. Many specialty clinics also have a strong emphasis on team-based care and interprofessional care planning.

Innovation: This site was the first VA facility to create a residency program in direct medication therapy management. In 2020, this site was the only site in the nation to earn the Clinical Pharmacy Practice Office (CPPO) PACT Platinum Practice Designation. This designation demonstrates the pharmacy team's commitment to the integration of pharmacy services and innovation in the development of progressive operational, clinical, and educational services.

PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Application Process:

Applicants must be a graduate of an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education accredited School of Pharmacy with a Pharm.D. degree, must be a U.S. citizen, and participate in an interview. They must also have completed or currently be enrolled in an ASHP accredited PGY-1 residency. COVID-19 vaccination is required (or an exemption along with regular COVID-19 testing) for employment in the VA. Applicants must have an aptitude and motivation for pain and/or palliative care. Some of the criteria considered in choosing residents include knowledge of professional practice, communication skills and ability to apply theory to practice, leadership ability, interest in the program, confidence, and maturity.

The program participates in the National Match Program and applications are submitted through PhORCAS. The program will not participate in the Match if the designed spots have been filled through the early commit process. Please see PhORCAS for deadline information. The PhORCAS application should include:

- A personal letter of intent
- Three professional references
- A copy of the curriculum vitae
- An official copy of pharmacy school transcript(s)
- VA form 10-2850D (available [here](#))



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