



Pharmacy Residency Programs

- ◀ PGY1 Pharmacy Residency
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The Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center (ZVAMC) is a tertiary care medical center located only 5 miles west of downtown Milwaukee. The Milwaukee VA is part of VA Integrated Services Network 12 (VISN 12), which also include facilities in Iron Mountain, Michigan; Tomah and Madison, Wisconsin, and North Chicago, Hines, and Chicago, Illinois. The Medical Center delivers primary, secondary, and tertiary medical care and provides over 630,000 visits annually through an extensive outpatient program. Average daily census is comprised of 175 acute care beds in addition to 110 extended care beds. The Milwaukee VA also has community based outpatient clinics (CBOC) in Appleton, Cleveland, Green Bay and Union Grove, Wisconsin. These programs serve a Veteran population of over 250,000 in southeastern and east central Wisconsin.

What makes the Milwaukee VA such a great place to complete your residency?

- Flexibility and variety of rotations
- Good balance of inpatient and outpatient experiences
- State of the art technology
- Teaching hospital (affiliation with Medical College of Wisconsin)
- Affiliations with several colleges of pharmacy
- Teaching certificate programs available (University of Wisconsin - Madison or Concordia University)
- Well established program with experienced preceptors
- Prescriptive authority
- Staffing for which you get paid



PGY1 - Pharmacy Residency (1 year)

The PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at ZVAMC is highly customized for each resident as an individual. Required rotations include general medicine, cardiology, intensive care, geriatrics, infectious diseases, and ambulatory care. A variety of electives are available including spinal cord injury, endocrinology, mental health, nutrition, precepting, administration, and more. The lengths of all rotations are customized to be tailored to meet the future career goals of the resident. The flexibility of the ZVAMC PGY1 caters to the individual while still giving the resident the benefit of working with a team of residents and colleagues.



Residents have extensive involvement with pharmacy students from University of Wisconsin and receive an additional stipend from UW School of Pharmacy for this service. In addition, residents work extensively with students from a variety of learning institutions. Longitudinal responsibilities include attending weekly geriatric interdisciplinary rounds, evaluating non-formulary requests, and anticoagulation monitoring. VA residents obtain prescriptive authority after training is completed. Each resident is assigned a mentor that will follow their progress over the course of the year. In addition, the year-long residency project is a requirement of all residents with at least one mentor assigned for the project process.

PGY2 - Infectious Disease Residency (1 year)

The post graduate year two (PGY2) residency in Infectious Diseases (ID) Pharmacy Practice builds on experiences gained through a PGY-1 program and is designed to offer both didactic and clinical experiences leading to the development of a practitioner with expert knowledge and skills in the area of infectious diseases pharmacotherapy. Training in both inpatient and outpatient areas are provided. Core rotations include antimicrobial stewardship, inpatient ID consult rounds, outpatient ID/HIV clinic, microbiology lab, Hepatitis C clinic, Hematology/Oncology, and Critical Care. Student precepting opportunities are available. The resident will also participate in pharmacokinetic monitoring, Infection Control Council, Pharmacy, Nutrition and Therapeutics (PNT) Council, and research.

PGY2 - Medication Safety Residency (1 year)

The medication safety resident will work as part of an interprofessional team focusing on the improvement of safe medicine practices within the medical center. The team will consist of the pharmacy resident, a graduate nurse fellow, and a physician. The resident will receive training in performance improvement processes including health care failure modes effects analysis, root cause analysis, LEAN and Six Sigma. These processes will be used throughout the year to evaluate and develop solutions to medication safety issues identified within the institution.

For more details about the Milwaukee VA, each program, and application instructions please go to our website: www.milwaukee.va.gov/edu/residencies/pharmacy/

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