



Oscar G. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center (OGJ VAMC) Iron Mountain, Michigan



PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Experiences

Core Focused Experiences

- Orientation
- Anticoagulation
- Formulary Management
- Ambulatory/Primary Care (PACT)
- Long-Term Care
- Mental Health
- Internal Medicine at Milwaukee Zablocki VAMC
- Pain management



Longitudinal Experiences

- Geriatric/Palliative Care Clinic
- Quality Improvement project
- Pharmacoeconomics/Medication Use Evaluation
- Staffing in outpatient/inpatient pharmacy
- Continuing education (ACPE)



Elective Experiences

- Substance Use Disorder
- Geriatrics
- Hospice/Palliative Care
- Home Based Primary Care
- Informatics
- Antimicrobial Stewardship and Management
- Extension of required experiences
- Elective rotations may be focused or longitudinal

Benefits for PGY1 Residents

- Competitive stipend per annual VA standards
- Health insurance
- Paid vacation and sick leave (4 hours of each, accrued every 2-week pay period)
- Paid federal holidays (11 days, depending on start date)
- Administrative leave, travel and tuition support (as available)
- Office space, computer access, and free parking
- Pharmacy-personalized scrub attire provided



OGJ VAMC Residency

Mission Statement

Our mission is to cultivate exceptional clinical pharmacy practitioners who will continually strive to further the practice of pharmacy with an interdisciplinary approach. This will be accomplished using principles of evidence-based pharmaceutical care to develop, implement, and provide cost effective, patient centric, team-based care that optimizes patient outcomes. We will fulfill our mission through clinical practice, research, and education of others.



Program Features and Objectives

- Curriculum focused on ambulatory and geriatric care
- Resident-specific plan based on resident's goals, competencies, and educational needs
- Residency trained, board-certified, highly autonomous preceptors
- Strong emphasis on interdisciplinary healthcare in a rural healthcare setting
- One of five VA facilities selected nationwide to receive PGY1 funding for a new program for the first time in >10 years for the 2022-23 residency year
- Eligible for ASHP-accreditation in 2023

Medical Center Overview

As one of the most rural VA medical centers in the nation, OGJ VAMC relies heavily on interdisciplinary care in the medical center, community-based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) and telehealth services to provide healthcare to Veterans across Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Native American Reservations.

Clinical Pharmacy Practitioners with global scopes of practice in primary care, geriatrics/long-term care, pain management, psychiatry and more are integral members of all healthcare departments.

OGJ VAMC is affiliated with several universities and serves as a training site for residents and students in various disciplines including pharmacy, psychology, medicine, nursing, physical therapy, and nutrition.

Location

Iron Mountain is in the southern part of the Upper Peninsula in Dickinson County. Noted for its beautiful four seasons and rural community atmosphere, Iron Mountain is an exceptional location for the outdoor enthusiast including excellent hunting, fishing, hiking, walking/biking trails, off-road vehicle (ORV) and snowmobile trails, camping, rafting, golfing at award winning courses, skiing, as well as home of the International Ski Jump Tournament. The city has a variety of restaurants and activities. More can be found in nearby cities such as Marquette, Green Bay, Appleton, and Escanaba.

