

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency

Purpose

The PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program builds on Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program training to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. The PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency provides 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 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.

Program Structure

The residency program is designed to provide the following experiences:

- Clinical required rotations
 - Primary care
 - Anticoagulation
 - Tobacco treatment
 - Yale and VIONE
- Clinical elective rotations
 - Allergy
 - Dermatology
 - Diabetes
 - Endocrine
 - Epilepsy
 - Geriatrics
 - Heart failure
 - Hematology/Oncology
 - Home-based primary care
 - Infectious disease
 - Mental health
 - Nutrition
 - Osteoporosis
 - Pain
 - Palliative Care
 - Renal
 - Rheumatology
 - Transplant
- Teaching opportunities
- Formulary management
- Leadership and practice advancement
- Longitudinal project implementation

Special Features

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.

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.

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.

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.

Application Process

Applicants must be a graduate of an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education accredited School of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. They must also have completed or be currently enrolled in a first year pharmacy residency program. Internal and external candidates are eligible to apply. Applicants must have an aptitude and motivation for ambulatory care with a desire to develop leadership and practice advancement skills. Receipt of the COVID vaccine is required for VA employment.

Candidates will be reviewed based on the following criteria: knowledge of professional practice, communication skills, ability to apply theory to practice, leadership ability, confidence, and professionalism.

Apply through PhORCAS and submit: academic transcripts, curriculum vitae, letters of recommendation, VA Form 10-2850D, and cover letter. An interview is required. The application deadline can be found on the ASHP website.

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