

Pharmacy Residency Programs

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 includes facilities in Iron Mountain, Michigan; Tomah and Madison, Wisconsin, and Danville, North Chicago, Hines, and Chicago, Illinois.

The Medical Center delivers primary, secondary, and tertiary medical care and provides over 723,000 visits annually through an extensive outpatient program. Average daily census is comprised of 196 acute care beds in addition to 113 extended care beds and 125 domiciliary beds on-site. The Milwaukee VA also has community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) in Appleton, Cleveland, and Union Grove, along with a Healthcare Center in Green Bay. 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
- Teaching hospital (affiliation with Medical College of Wisconsin)
- Affiliations with several colleges of pharmacy
- Teaching certificate programs available (Medical College of Wisconsin or Concordia University of Wisconsin)
- Well established program with experienced preceptors
- Weekend staffing with compensation (dual appointment)

Applications submitted via PhORCAS.

For more details about the Milwaukee VA, each program, and application instructions please go to our website:

www.va.gov/milwaukee-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships/pharmacy-residencies/

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PGY1 Pharmacy Practice

PGY2 Infectious Diseases

PGY2 Internal Medicine

PGY2 Medication Use Safety and Policy

PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy

PGY1 - Pharmacy Residency (1 year)

- Highly customized for each individual resident
- Work with interdisciplinary teams
- Extensive involvement with pharmacy students from University of Wisconsin (additional stipend) and other colleges of pharmacy
- Mentorship program
- Required rotations: general medicine, cardiology, intensive care, infectious diseases, ambulatory care, mental health and oncology
- Elective opportunities include: geriatrics, spinal cord injury, endocrinology, mental health, nutrition, neurology, precepting, administration, medication safety and more
- Longitudinal responsibilities include: weekly geriatric interdisciplinary rounds, evaluating non-formulary requests, and anticoagulation monitoring
- Required weeknight staffing once per week
- Required weekend staffing (compensated)
- Year-long residency project

PGY2 Medication Use Safety and Policy Residency (1 year)

- Part of interprofessional medication safety team
- Training with National Center for Patient Safety (NCPS) experts
- Core experience: drug safety, informatics, medication events, performance improvement, healthcare failure mode effects analysis (HFMEA), root cause analysis (RCA), simulation, and LEAN methodology
- Variety of elective and longitudinal experiences
- Teaching and precepting involvement
- Interdisciplinary committee involvement

and leadership

- Year-long residency project

PGY2 - Infectious Diseases (ID) Pharmacy Residency (1 year)

- Rounding with ID team
- Pharmacokinetic monitoring
- Antibiotic stewardship
- Outpatient Parental Antibiotic Therapy (OPAT) service
- Teaching & student precepting responsibilities
- Committee involvement (Infection Control Council, Pharmacy, Nutrition and Therapeutics (PNT) Council)
- Core rotations: antimicrobial stewardship, inpatient ID consult rounds, outpatient ID/HIV clinic, microbiology lab, hepatitis C clinic
- Year-long residency project



PGY2 – Internal Medicine Pharmacy Residency (1 year)

- Rounding with medical teams
- Medication reconciliation and discharge teaching
- Extensive teaching and precepting involvement
- Optional academic rotation at Concordia University of Wisconsin
- Core rotations: internal medicine, infectious diseases, intensive care, and cardiology
- Variety of electives
- Committee involvement
- Administrative responsibilities (formulary management, medication safety, leadership)
- Year-long residency project

PGY2 – Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency (1 year)

- Work with variety of interdisciplinary teams
- Core experiences: inpatient psychiatry, outpatient psychiatry, consult/liason psychiatry, neurology, academia, and Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program
- Member of Primary Care Mental Health Integration team
- Variety of elective and longitudinal experiences
- Teaching and student precepting responsibilities
- Committee involvement
- Administrative responsibilities (formulary management, medication safety, leadership)
- Year-long residency project