

## William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital Madison, Wisconsin



### *Welcome to Madison!*

#### **Pharmacy Residency Programs at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital:**

- PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency with a focus in ambulatory care
- PGY-1 General Pharmacy Practice Residency
- PGY-2 Administration & Leadership Residency
- PGY-2 Ambulatory Care Residency
- PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency

**About Our City:** Madison is a great city for young healthcare professionals. There are numerous hospitals in the area (VA, University Hospital & Clinics, Dean Clinics, Meriter, and St. Mary's Hospital) – all hosting pharmacy and medical residents. Madison is a very diverse city, offering numerous events and activities for all types of people - from the outdoorsman to the artist.

**City Life:** Downtown Madison offers multiple attractions, all within walking distance to several of Madison's lakes and the University of Wisconsin (UW) campus. State Street is lined with several unique shops, restaurants, and bars. A year-round Farmer's Market in Madison, voted as one of the best farmer's market in the US, is held downtown each Saturday. The Memorial Union is located on Lake Mendota and is the site for outdoor live music performances during the summer. Relaxing by the lakes or touring some of the local breweries provide great ways to unwind after a long day at work.

**Musical Enjoyment:** During the summer, the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra presents "Concert on the Square" – a free outdoor concert series which is well attended by picnickers, music lovers, and those simply interested in enjoying an evening outside. In nearby Middleton, Capital Brewery hosts live bands in their outdoor beer garden. The Kohl Center (UW's basketball arena), the Overture Center, and the Majestic theater offer several venues for various musical acts.

**Parks:** Madison is known for its outdoor activities and multiple lakes that surround the city. The lakes offer opportunities to fish, kayak, canoe, sail, and more (rentals are generally available). Various parks around the city offer a multitude of outdoor activities, including gold, frisbee golf, biking and hiking trails, dog parks, and a free zoo. Several of the parks and golf courses turn into cross-country ski courses during the winter. The Arboretum near UW campus is an excellent place to enjoy nature. Devil's Lake and Governor Dodge State Park are just a short drive away and are great places to experience Wisconsin's natural beauty, especially in the spring and fall. Madison is

also just a 45 minute drive from Wisconsin Dells, the Water Park Capital of the World.

**Athletic Events:** Madison is famous for its 8K running race in the spring where the finish line is in UW's football stadium. Bikers may enjoy the numerous bike trails around the city, and Madison is extremely biker-friendly. It is not uncommon to see your co-workers biking to work. Many of the parks departments host team sport leagues (including kickball, frisbee golf, and volleyball). Golfers can have their pick of a variety of courses around Madison during the spring, summer, and fall months. However, in the winter, several of these courses become cross-country skiing trails. About 45minutes away from Madison, great downhill skiing can be found in Mt. Horeb. In terms of spectator sports, Madison offers a great atmosphere to experience ultimate Big 10 athletics. The Mallards, a local minor league baseball team, offer a great chance to get out and enjoy one of America's favorite past times. For those interested in more intense competitions, the annual Ironman Competition takes place at the end of every summer.

**Where to Live:** There are several different housing options in the Madison area. The VA hospital is located just west of downtown. Choosing a place downtown or on the West side circumvents downtown traffic experienced when coming to the VA from the East Side. Middleton, a suburb of Madison, is consistently voted as one of the top cities to live in the US. Use of the following website may be of assistance: [www.madisonapartmentliving.com/](http://www.madisonapartmentliving.com/).

#### **Transportation and Travel:**

Public transportation is a common way to get around the city. The metro bus system is extensive and easy to navigate. Visit the Madison Metro website for additional information: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/>. The UW and the Madison VA provide bus passes to VA pharmacy residents free of charge. In addition to ground transit, Madison has its own regional airport, making traveling to visit friends and family quite convenient. Visit the Greater Madison Convention & Visitor Bureau website for more information: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/>.

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## Participation in Continuing Education

Pharmacy residents have a responsibility to maintain competence through a planned program of self-education and continuing education. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the wide variety of educational opportunities available to program participants. The following continuing education activities are available.

⇒ **Required:**

- All mandatory VA or Human Resources programs
- Department staff development meetings and competency lectures
- ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
- General Sessions at the Great Lakes Residency Conference

⇒ **Optional:**

- State meetings of the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin (PSW).
- VAMC educational offerings: Grand Rounds, etc.



## Membership in Professional Organizations



Professional organization membership is considered an important part of professional development. All residents are invited to attend the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting. Membership with the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin and ASHP is highly encouraged. Membership information may be obtained from the residency director or coordinator.

## Assessment & Evaluation

The William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital pharmacy residencies utilize the Residency Learning System (RLS) as established by ASHP. The RLS establishes outcomes, goals, and objectives that are to be learned, mastered, and evaluated during the residency program. ResiTrak<sup>®</sup> is the tool used by residents and preceptors to provide evaluations and feedback.



A tribute to America's Veterans located in the lobby of the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital