

William S. Middleton VA Hospital



William S. Middleton
Memorial Veterans Hospital
in Madison, Wisconsin

Pharmacy Residency Programs



PGY1 Pharmacy Residency With Ambulatory Care Focus

The William S. Middleton VA Residency program has been in existence for 25 years and has trained over 100 residents. This first year program has been designed to develop practitioners with a high level of skills required to manage patient care as an integral member of an interdisciplinary team. Graduates of this program have been successful in both practice and academic positions. The residency is affiliated with the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. The clinics provide primary care as well as a wide variety of medical subspecialty care for veterans throughout Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Pharmacotherapists co-manage patients with physicians and nurse practitioners in a practice that has evolved over 30 years. Residents provide patient care as members of interdisciplinary teams in these clinics. They assume responsibility for the care of patients. Residents write progress notes for patients they assess and have authority to write prescriptions, order laboratory and other diagnostic tests, consult other services when indicated and develop therapeutic and monitoring plans for patient follow-up. Most patients are managed by outpatient clinic visits but telephone follow-up may also be part of the care provided.

Residents take an active, direct role in patient care in primary care teams through the medication management service. Patients are seen in these clinics for a wide variety of medical problems and residents provide interim care for patients between visits to their primary provider. Residents also provide care in a wide variety of subspecialty clinics including hypertension, diabetes, allergy, rheumatology, epilepsy, osteoporosis, pain management, psychiatry, and anticoagulation clinics. Additionally, residents provide medication management services for the smoking cessation program which uses a group session approach to helping patients break their nicotine habit. Residents will also have the opportunity during one rotation to provide care as part of a home-based primary care team and to develop their skills in regards to formulary management. Residents may also choose 2 electives from various other clinics, including infectious disease, hepatitis C, dermatology, and women's health. A family medicine rotation is also offered as an elective at the Wingra Family Medicine clinic in Madison to provide perspective on non-federal health care.

Residents also receive teaching experience through assisting with the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy Pharmacotherapy Lab. This lab is sequenced with the therapeutics lecture series offered by the school. Residents assist School of Pharmacy faculty in teaching Pharm.D. students on a wide variety of therapeutic topics and teach 5-7 weeks during the academic year. Residents receive academic appointments as clinical instructors for their effort.

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Residents also have the opportunity to participate in a teaching certificate program offered by the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. This program has a weekly seminar series residents participate in and sometimes serve as session facilitators. They also assess their own teaching experiences and develop a teaching portfolio as a requirement for this certification. Additional teaching experience is provided by delivery of lectures for pharmacy staff development and participation in a weekly pharmacy journal club where investigational studies related to ambulatory care practice are critiqued and discussed.

Completion of a project of the resident's choosing is also required. Residents work with a pharmacy staff mentor to plan, carry out, and evaluate the results of these projects. They are presented at the Great Lakes Pharmacy Residency Conference in April of each year.

All goals and objectives of the PGY1 residency as specified by the American Society of Health System Pharmacists accreditation standards are met by this Residency.

Application Procedure

Applicants must be a graduate of an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education accredited School of Pharmacy with a Pharm.D. degree. Applicants must have an aptitude and motivation for ambulatory patient care.

Some of the criteria considered in choosing residents include knowledge of professional practice, communication skills and ability to apply theory to practice, leadership ability, interest in the program, confidence and maturity.

To apply a cover letter stating career goals with an application form (Form 10-2850c) must be completed. In addition, 3 letters of reference and college transcripts are required. An onsite interview is required.

Application deadline is January 15th.

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