



# William S. Middleton VA Hospital



William S. Middleton  
Memorial Veterans Hospital  
in Madison, Wisconsin

## Pharmacy Residency Programs



### *PGY2 Ambulatory Care Specialty Residency*

The Ambulatory Specialty Residency is designed to develop pharmacy ambulatory practice leaders who have excellent practice skills but also have the ability to direct other clinical staff, develop new programs, and develop policies and procedures that promote rational drug therapy for ambulatory patients. This second year residency is designed to further develop medication management skills in a multidisciplinary ambulatory environment. PGY2 Ambulatory Specialty Residents will serve as mentors to first year residents and serve as Chief Residents during the course of the year.

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. Elective rotations are available in 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 in the PGY2 Specialty Residency are expected to be more adept at managing complex patients than those completing the first year program.

Excellence  
in  
Patient Care  
and  
Teaching

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. They also have the opportunity to participate in a teaching certificate program offered by the School. 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.

In addition to further development of clinical practice skills, the resident will develop leadership skills. Residents will assist in the development of new policies and procedures needed to carry out the Mission of Pharmacy Service to provide high quality patient care. Graduates of the program learn skills necessary to develop collaborative interdisciplinary practice. They will have the capability to develop new services and take responsibility for planning and management of those services as well as evaluation of the outcomes of new programs.

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 PGY2 Ambulatory Specialty 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. They must also have completed or currently be enrolled in a first year residency. We will consider both internal candidates who wish to do two years at this institution as well as external candidates. 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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