

## PGY2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Pharmacy Residency William S. Middleton VA Hospital in Madison, WI

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PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. PGY2 residencies provide 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 pharmacy residency are prepared for advanced patient care, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification, if available.

The resident will develop clinical skills to become a pharmacist provider in the areas of chronic pain management, acute on chronic pain management, palliative and hospice care, opioid stewardship and pain management with comorbid mental health conditions. It is anticipated that future goals of prospective residents would include becoming a clinical specialist with board certification (when available). Additional teaching opportunities exist to become adjunct clinical faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy.

The resident will provide patient care as a member of several different interprofessional teams. The resident will assume responsibility for the care of patients and take an active, direct role in patient care. In addition, the resident will write progress notes for patients they assess and are granted prescribing authority under scope of practice protocol. Residents also have privileges to order laboratory and other diagnostic tests, consult other services when indicated, and develop therapeutic and monitoring plans for patient follow-up.

This program is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, according to the ASHP Accreditation Standards for PGY2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Pharmacy Residencies.

### **This residency is designed to develop skills in the following areas:**

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- Patient assessment
- Interprofessional relationship building
- Leadership skills
- Pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatment options for pain management
- Teaching skills
- Patient and interdisciplinary education
- Improve patient safety outcomes related to pain management

### **To develop the above skills, the resident will have the following learning experiences:**

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- Longitudinal (the resident will be in each of these experiences throughout the year, but the amount of time per week will vary based on which block resident is in and other learning opportunities available)
  - o Chronic Pain Management (includes interdisciplinary pain clinic, Dr. Ebert pain clinic and orientation pain assessments)

- Inpatient pain assessments
- Formulary management (time commitment is based on facility needs, not to exceed 40 hours)
- Integrated Care Mental Health Clinic and interprofessional Education Program
- Palliative Care Clinic
- Practice Leadership
- Residency research project
- 14 week experiences (once weekly for 14 consecutive weeks)
  - Addictive disorders
  - Inpatient psychiatry
  - Community Living Center subacute rehab and inpatient hospice

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**Other learning opportunities include:**

- Learning experience in neurology clinic, rheumatology clinic, emergency department or oncology clinic. Other experiences may be available based on resident preference. Duration of these experiences will be a maximum of once weekly for 7 weeks.
- Observations of physical therapy, occupational therapy, Pain University or wound care usually one day each.
- Participation at Controlled Substance Advisory committee and Pain Committee meetings which recur one or two times per month.

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**Special features:**

*Prescriptive authority:* Residents will earn a facility scope of practice to order medications, laboratory and diagnostic tests, and consults to other services.

*Education series:* Residents present journal clubs, patient cases, and disease state reviews to residents and preceptors. The resident will present minimum of two times throughout the year. Other opportunities for oral and written presentations are available.

*Clinical instructor status:* This program is associated with the University of Wisconsin—Madison School of Pharmacy, where residents serve as clinical instructors in pharmacotherapy with the option to present a didactic lecture.

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**Our 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.

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**PGY-2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Pharmacy Residency Application Process:**

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Applicants must be a graduate of an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education accredited School of Pharmacy with a Pharm.D. degree, must be a U.S. citizen, and participate in an on-site interview. They must also have completed or currently be enrolled in a PGY-1 residency. Applicants must have an aptitude and motivation for pain and/or palliative 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.

This program participates in the National Match Program and applications are submitted through PhORCAS.

The application should include:

- A personal letter of intent
- Three professional references
- A copy of the curriculum vitae
- An official copy of pharmacy school transcript(s)
- VA form 10-2850D (Application for Health Professional Trainees- available upon request)



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