
PGY-2 Specialty Residency: Pain Management Pharmacy



The primary purpose of the Pain Management Specialty Residency is to provide training to become a pain and/or palliative care clinical pharmacy specialist. At the end of the residency program, the resident will have the skills to become a high-functioning pain management clinical pharmacy specialist who is ready to join a pain management team.

The resident will provide patient care as a member of several different interprofessional teams. He or she will assume responsibility for the care of patients and take an active, direct role in patient care. In addition, he or she will write progress notes for patients they assess and are granted prescribing authority under 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 undergoing review for accreditation by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, according to the ASHP Accreditation Standards for PGY2 Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacy Residencies.

The Pain Management Residency is designed to develop skills in the following areas:

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

To develop the above skills, the resident will spend time in the following clinical areas and activities:

- Palliative care team
- Multidisciplinary chronic pain clinic
- Integrated Care Clinic (aka PCMHI)
- Elder Veteran Prevention Team
- Addictions Clinic
- Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center (GRECC) Connect
- Inpatient Hospice and Rehab unit
- Inpatient Psychiatric Unit and general medicine wards for pain assessments
- Facilitate pharmacotherapy lab at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy
- Precept PGY1 and fourth-year pharmacy students in pain clinic
- Complete a year-long research project and provide ongoing education to staff
- Facilitate classes for Pain University and the Whole Health team.

Elective opportunities for additional experience can include:

Neurology clinic, rheumatology clinic, oncology clinic, infectious disease clinic, renal clinic, Home Based Primary Care team, physical and occupational therapy as well as Tai Chi/yoga observations, anesthesia acute pain team, and interventional radiology.

Special features

Prescriptive authority: Residents have prescriptive authority to order medications, laboratory and diagnostic tests, and consults to other services within their scope of practice.

Education series: Residents present journal clubs, patient cases, and disease state reviews to residents and preceptors.

Clinical instructor status: This program is associated with the University of Wisconsin—Madison School of Pharmacy, where residents serve as clinical instructors in pharmacotherapy.

PGY-2 Pain Management Specialty Residency Application

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.

Pharmacists interested in applying for this residency program are required to complete their application through PhORCAS and include the below attachments. See ASHP website for deadlines.

- Submit a personal letter of intent
- Submit (3) PhORCAS References
- Submit a copy of their curriculum vitae
- Submit an official copy of their pharmacy transcript(s)
- Submit VA form 10-2850D (Application for Health Professional Trainees)



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