# Residency Description

The Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center offers a one year post graduate year two (PGY2) residency in Infectious Diseases (ID) Pharmacy Practice for pharmacists desiring advanced clinical training in infectious diseases pharmacotherapy. The program is accredited by the American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (ASHP). The Milwaukee VA PGY-2 ID pharmacy practice residency builds on experiences gained through a PGY-1 program and is designed to offer both didactic and clinical experiences leading to the development of a practitioner with expert knowledge and skills in the area of infectious diseases pharmacotherapy.

The goals of the PGY-2 ID residency are to:

* Develop expertise in clinical infectious diseases pharmacotherapeutics
* Optimize understanding of anti-infective pharmacology and pharmacotherapy as well as pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of antimicrobials
* Enhance teaching skills by precepting students on ID clinical rotations
* Contribute to an interdisciplinary healthcare team
* Contribute to a pharmacist-run antimicrobial stewardship program by offering patient specific recommendations to optimize treatment of infectious diseases
* Strengthen communication skills by presenting formal and informal lectures and in-services as well as interacting with other healthcare providers
* Enhance clinical research skills by performing a major research project
* Become skilled at functioning as an independent ID clinical pharmacy specialist

Clinical Training

**Required Rotations:**

Adult inpatient infectious diseases consult service (6 months)

Antimicrobial stewardship program (6 months)

Microbiology lab (2-4 weeks)

Hepatitis C Clinic (1 month)

Critical care (1 month)

Inpatient hematology/oncology service (1 month)

**Elective Rotations:**

General medicine

Wound care clinic

Community-based HIV clinic

**Longitudinal Rotations/Activities:**

Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Program (OPAT)

Infectious diseases/HIV clinic

Hepatitis C Clinic

Pharmacy student infectious diseases lecture series

IV to PO conversion program

Microbiology rounds

In addition to the above, the PGY-2 ID resident will be involved in Infection Control Council and Pharmacy, Nutrition, and Therapeutics Council. A major research project is required along with a poster presentation at ASHP Mid-Year Clinical Meeting and a formal presentation of the project at the annual Great Lakes Pharmacy Residency Conference in the spring.

Clinical Pharmacy Preceptors

Pharmacy preceptors at the Milwaukee VA precept both pharmacy students and residents on clinical rotations. All preceptors are required provide timely, collaborative, and effective feedback on the progress of the resident and to facilitate good communication among the preceptor team.

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* Karen Adwan, Pharm.D., BCOP, CGP – Oncology
* Jennifer Koch, Pharm.D., BCPS, CGP – General Medicine, Nutrition
* Bill Blaser, Pharm.D. - Critical Care

Benefits and Compensation

* Competitive salary
* Medical insurance
* Dental insurance
* Life insurance
* Free parking
* 10 federal holidays
* Days off for illness/medical appointments/family care
* Annual leave (Vacation)
* Access to the University of Wisconsin and Medical College of Wisconsin resources
* Tuition and travel support for professional conferences
* Opportunity to work for pharmacist wage on off-duty time
* No weekend or evening staffing requirements
* Teaching certificate offered by the University of Wisconsin College of Pharmacy

Application Information

Applicants must be a graduate of an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education accredited School of Pharmacy with a Pharm.D. or equivalent degree and have successfully completed an ASHP accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency. Applicants must be U.S. citizens – a requirement to be employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Criteria considered by the selection committee includes: knowledge of professional practice, communication skills, ability to apply theory to practice, leadership ability, interest in the program, confidence, and maturity.

Please see the residency webpage for more information regarding application materials [www.milwaukee.va.gov/edu/residencies/pharmacy](http://www.milwaukee.va.gov/edu/residencies/pharmacy). Applicants should apply no later than **January 5th**.

An on-site interview is also required. This program participates in the ASHP Residency Matching Program. All applicants must be registered for the match before interviewing.

For questions, please contact :

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