Aurora at a glance

- Largest not-for-profit health care system in Wisconsin
- Fully integrated health care system
- 16 hospitals, numerous ambulatory care clinics, retail and specialty pharmacies, and more
- Utilize a wide variety of automation and technology throughout the system: CPOE, eMAR, smart pumps, barcode administration, and more
- Affiliated with Concordia University Wisconsin School of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy and Rosalind Franklin University School of Pharmacy

Residency program

Purpose

The PGY2 Cardiology Specialty Residency program builds 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.

As such, the PGY2 Cardiology Residency prepares PGY1 residency graduates to practice as specialized clinicians, focusing on the care of patients with cardiovascular disease.

Residency site

Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center

- Wisconsin’s largest private hospital, Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center is a premier destination for world-class patient care, treating patients from all 50 states and worldwide. It is internationally known for expertise in heart care and oncology. Located on the south side of Milwaukee, Aurora St. Luke’s also offers exceptional specialty care in areas such as critical care, abdominal/cardiothoracic transplant and neurosciences and houses the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinic.

- Aurora St. Luke’s serves as the primary training ground for cardiology pharmacy with two specialized ICUs in cardiology, high-volume cardiac catheterization and electrophysiology labs, and advanced cardiac surgery services.

- *U.S. News & World Report* has recognized Aurora St. Luke’s as a top hospital both in the Milwaukee Metro area and in the state of Wisconsin for multiple years in a row. It also consistently ranks Aurora St. Luke’s among the top 50 hospitals in the nation in several specialty areas and as “high performing” in a variety of other specialties.

For more information, visit our website: aurora.org/pharmacyresidency

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Specific learning experiences
The format of the residency is tailored to the interest, experience, aptitude and career goals of the resident. The resident completes core learning experiences, and customizes their program by choosing elective learning experiences based on individual needs and interests.

Orientation: Computer systems, drug distribution, personnel, policies, workflow and department structure

Required learning experiences
- Cardiac ICU
- Heart Failure/General Cardiology
- Advanced Heart Failure/Transplant
- Electrophysiology
- Cardiovascular ICU (Surgical)
- Ambulatory Care: Heart Failure Clinic
- Pulmonary Hypertension

Elective learning experiences
- Based upon resident interest

Longitudinal experiences
- Year-long residency project, cardiac coordination, staffing, PGY2 Noon Conference

Professional development
- Learning experience projects, in-services, staffing, visits to other institutions, professional organizations, teaching and precepting, ACPE continuing education presentations, interviewing/recruiting, attendance at one professional cardiology meeting (e.g., ACC), and more.

Candidate qualifications
- Graduate of an ACPE-accredited School of Pharmacy
- Eligible for pharmacist licensure in Wisconsin – residents are expected to be licensed as a pharmacist in the state of Wisconsin prior to starting their residency program and sit for their exams at the first available opportunity.
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
- The Pharmacy Residency programs participate in the Residency Matching Program ("The Match").
  - After "The Match", employment as a pharmacy resident is still contingent upon the applicant satisfying Aurora Health Care’s employment eligibility requirements, including an employment application/evaluation by Human Resources and a pre-employment physical and drug screen (hair analysis). The pre-employment physical and drug screen must be completed at a designated Aurora Health Care location between May 15 and June 1.
  - All matched residents must start on the pre-determined start date. Refer to the program director for the exact pre-determined start date as adjustments in start date are not allowed.

Benefits and Stipend
- Each resident and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate in Aurora Health Care benefit programs (paid time off, medical/dental insurance, disability, etc.). Note: Residents are allowed up to 17 days off (including a maximum of 6 sick days) during their program. Time off requires advanced approval and is not guaranteed.
- We update competitive salaries annually. The current stipend is $58,240.

Application information
Applicants must submit the following materials via PhORCAS by January 5 to be considered, and will be contacted regarding a required on-site interview. Refer to the program director for the specific interview dates as interviewing outside of these dates is not allowed.
- Letter of interest - must specify:
  - Which program you are applying to (see website for full list of programs)
  - Your personal career goals
  - Why you are interested in residency training, what you are looking for in a residency program, and why you are interested in the Aurora residency program you are applying to
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Three references – must be completed in PhORCAS – no separate letter is required
- Pharmacy school transcripts

The Pharmacy Residency programs participate in the Residency Matching Program ("The Match") and agree that no person at the site will solicit, accept or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

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