

PGY1/PGY2 HSPAL Residency Program

Jacob Havinga



Previous Education: PharmD and B. S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from The University of Wisconsin-Madison

Short Bio: I grew up in Appleton, Wisconsin and then spent seven years in Madison, Wisconsin completing both my undergraduate and graduate schooling at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I am excited to finally explore all that Milwaukee has to offer, including sporting events such as Bucks or Brewers games, new restaurants, breweries, and festivals.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: A variety of different rotations that would provide a vast array of experiences. From an administrative perspective, the merger between Legacy Advocate and Legacy Aurora offered the unique experiences I was looking for in a residency program. Additionally, I wanted a residency program that offered teaching or precepting experiences.

Why Aurora? I completed two of my pharmacy school rotations at Aurora BayCare in Green Bay, Wisconsin. What really made Aurora BayCare stand out compared to other rotations is that I could tell from my very first day that the pharmacists and preceptors wanted me to get the most out of my time with them and learn as much as I possibly could. There were topic discussions, journal clubs, and flexibility in rotations that allowed me to orient my learning to topics that interested me most. After these rotations I knew I had to continue my pharmacy career with Advocate Aurora Health by pursuing a residency with them.

Current rotations: Surgery, Administration and Drug Use Policy, Informatics, Investigational New Drugs, Infectious Disease, Medicine, Oncology

Year-long project: Standardization of System IV Room Supplies

Future: PGY-2 in Health System Pharmacy and Administration

Matthew Wong



Previous Education: PharmD – University of Illinois at Chicago
Bachelor of Science – Chemistry, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Short Bio: I'm from Skokie, Illinois and am a big Chicago Cubs and Bears fan (but actually a Detroit Pistons fan when it comes to Basketball). I enjoy watching and playing sports, trying new restaurants, and spending time with family and friends.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency: Major factors were the ability to choose from a wide variety of electives in my pharmacy career interests, opportunities to precept students, a robust clinical experience, and an emphasis on mentorship. I also looked for a program that offered a welcoming and supportive culture.

Why Aurora? I was looking for a program where I felt I could grow personally and professionally outside of my comfort zone. Aurora offered all the factors and flexibility that I wanted in a residency program including opportunities to explore my areas of interest such as supply chain and informatics. I appreciated the family-oriented community among the pharmacy department as well as a clear sense of how residents were able to grow from the program. Additionally, with the large merger, I knew there would be valuable and unique administrative experiences during residency.

Current rotations: Admin-DUP, Surgery, Investigational Drugs, Oncology Clinic, Cardiology, Medicine, Informatics

Year-long project: Pyxis Standardization/Optimization – across the entire AAH system

Future: The immediate future would be a PGY2 in Health-System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership. Following the PGY2, I plan to pursue a pharmacy management position in a setting where I can precept both pharmacy students and residents.

Edward Conlin



Previous Education: Concordia University - PharmD and MBA with a concentration in Healthcare Administration

Short Bio: My name is Ed and I grew up in Cottage Grove, Minnesota. For undergrad, I went to Winona State University in Southeastern Minnesota, and graduated with a B.S. in Biochemistry. I moved to Milwaukee for Pharmacy School in 2015, and have loved living here since then. I enjoy downhill skiing, traveling, trying new restaurants in the city, playing with my dogs, and going up North.

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing A Residency: When looking at residency programs, I wanted to be somewhere that would offer a wide variety of experiences and educational opportunities. I also wanted to be somewhere that would be flexible with different learning opportunities.

Why Aurora? With Advocate Aurora, I have been given the opportunity to learn from different teams all over the Milwaukee Metro area, from Informatics to Oncology. With my PGY-2 year, I will also be given opportunities to learn from managers across both legacy Aurora and legacy Advocate.

Current Rotations: Administration and Drug Use Policy, Informatics, Oncology Clinic on Good Hope Road, Family Medicine Clinic, Cardiology

Year-Long Project: Standardization of medication repackaging and non-sterile medication preparation - implement a standard approach to repackaging and non-sterile compounding across all AAH inpatient pharmacy departments. This would include a standard log sheet, methods and training materials.

Future Plans: In the future, I wish to be the Pharmacy Director of a Midsized hospital.

Kari Ford



Previous Education: Florida A&M University - PharmD

Short Bio: I am from St. Louis, MO, and I spent six years completing my PharmD at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, FL. I am grateful to have this opportunity to bring my experiences to Milwaukee. In my free time I enjoy dancing, photography, and finding new ways to explore the city. This year I look forward to becoming engaged in the vast culture of this city and will try not to miss the Florida sun too much during the winter!

Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing A Residency: Having attended an institution that truly embodied our motto "Excellence with Caring", I wanted to be a part of a program that had similar values and would give me the opportunity to learn and be confident not only as a clinician, but as a leader in health care. I wanted to plant myself in an expansive health-system that was at the forefront of health care, giving me the opportunity to learn from practitioners who are actively progressing pharmacy practice.

Why Aurora? From my PPS interview at Midyear, Advocate Aurora Health Care stood out amongst the rest. With the merge between the two health-systems, this was and is a dynamic time frame for the organization that I knew would afford me the opportunity to learn what it means to be a leader in the field of pharmacy. Aurora has amazing pharmacists and residents that went above and beyond to make sure I was well informed, tailoring each encounter to best fit my needs. It was easy to see myself growing alongside this organization, knowing that with the size of the residency class there was a wide variety of people contributing innovative ideas.

Current Rotations: Medicine, Medical ICU, Admin-DUP, Family Medicine Clinic, Surgery, Emergency Department, Cardiology

Year-Long Project: Creation of formal preparatory program for pharmacy technicians to meet Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) requirements

Future Plans: PGY2 Health-System Pharmacy Administration & Leadership