

## PGY1 Pharmacy Residency – Aurora Health Care Metro, Inc.

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### Anna Amos



**Previous Education:** PharmD from Drake University

**Short Bio:** I am from a small town in southern Minnesota called Saint Peter, went to school in Des Moines, and am now here so I'm making progress on my tour of the Midwest! Pharmacy has been a huge aspect of my life being a Type 1 diabetic since I was 4 and learning how to navigate living with a chronic disease. When I'm not at work you can find me outside golfing or going for a walk, reading, or painting things to decorate my apartment (lately has been watercolor flowers and histology slides)! I'm always open to making new friends so if you have any questions about anything I mentioned come find me and we can chat :)

**Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency:** Feeling like I would be supported by those around me and getting opportunities to learn and hone skills in areas of interest that I may not have been able to experience before.

**Why Aurora?** During my interview I immediately felt like this was somewhere I would be valued and encouraged to go after my goals while having kind and knowledgeable people around me. I was excited about the prospect of getting to learn from people who are experts in their field at an institution that is a pioneer in many areas.

**Current rotations:** CICU, NICU, Surgery, Medicine, Cardiology, Administration/Drug Use Policy, CT Transplant

**Additional experiences:** Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

**Year-long project:** Optimizing Antibiotic Dosing in Patients on High-Flow CVVH

**Future:** Potentially pursue a PGY2 in critical care with the end goal of being a NICU pharmacist.

## **Thomas Drummond**



**Previous Education:** PharmD and BS in Pharmacology-Toxicology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Short Bio:** I was born in Reading, England but from age three on grew up in the Milwaukee area. In my free time, I enjoy reading, spending time with friends and family and trying new restaurants.

**Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency:** I was looking for a site with a larger residency program, diverse rotation options and a PGY-2 in oncology with potential to early commit. A supportive and inclusive culture was important as well, both within the pharmacy department and from an interdisciplinary perspective.

**Why Aurora?** Aurora checked all the boxes that I was looking for in a residency program; large program, lots of electives, oncology PGY-2. During interviews I had great talks with the RPD/RPC, management, preceptors, and residents, everyone was extremely welcoming and open to questions. I was even able to chat with the oncology PGY-2 RPD and had a lot of questions answered. Afterwards, Aurora felt like where I wanted and needed to be. It was also only 20 minutes from my house, so bonus points.

**Current rotations:** Medicine, Oncology, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Investigational Drugs, Critical Care (SICU), Surgery, Cardiology

**Additional experiences:** Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

**Year-long project:** Analysis of Burnout Contributors in Pharmacy Residency Program Preceptors across a Large Midwest Health System

**Future:** My immediate plan is to pursue a PGY-2 in oncology.

## **Mitchell Glodoski**



**Previous Education:** BS in Chemistry from UW Parkside, PharmD at Concordia University Wisconsin

**Short Bio:** I am from Racine, WI and lived in Milwaukee while attending Concordia. Outside of pharmacy I enjoy rock climbing, cycling, and playing board/card games.

**Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency:** Staffing requirements, site location, and potential PGY2 opportunities.

**Why Aurora?** I worked here as an intern for two and a half years and enjoyed the experience, also had several great rotations as an APPE student. I was familiar with the site's workflow, impressed by the culture of safety, and had great relationships with many of the staff in the pharmacy department.

**Current rotations:** Emergency Room, Cardiology, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Medical Respiratory ICU, Medicine, Heart failure Clinic

**Additional experiences:** Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

**Year-long project:** Analysis of Patient Outcomes with Coadministration of a CYP2D6 Inhibitor with Doxorubicin in Patients Receiving Treatment for Breast Cancer.

**Future:** Potentially a toxicology fellowship or pursuing an Emergency Medicine PGY2. Or working as a pharmacist specialist in poison information at a poison center.

## Julianna Kuecker



**Previous Education:** PharmD from University of Wisconsin – Madison and Bachelor of Science in Spanish from University of Wisconsin – Madison

**Short Bio:** I grew up in Madison, WI and attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison. My sister, who is also a pharmacist, originally inspired me to pursue the pharmacy profession. My interests outside of work include playing ultimate frisbee, exploring new coffee shops and restaurants, and hiking. I also enjoy traveling and completed an international APPE rotation in Madrid, Spain!

**Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency:** A program that offered a wide variety of rotation options, opportunities to precept students, a larger residency class size, and PGY2 programs in my interest areas. I was also looking for a program in a larger city so that I could be exposed to patients with a variety of disease states. Finally, I wanted a program with a supportive program director and coordinator.

**Why Aurora?** The pharmacists that I had interacted with at Aurora recruiting events were friendly and inviting. They seemed supportive and very focused on teaching the next generation of pharmacists, which is something that is very important to me. I liked that the Metro Inc program is part of a larger hospital system as well, which allows for more resources and opportunities within the same health system.

**Current rotations:** Medical ICU at Aurora Sinai Medical Center, Medicine, Medical/Respiratory ICU, Infectious Diseases, Surgery, Cardiology, Administration/Drug Use Policy

**Additional experiences:** Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

**Year-long project:** Clinical Use of Fungal Diagnostics: Evaluation of Baseline Use and Development of Diagnostic Guidance in High-Risk Adults

**Future:** I hope to either pursue a PGY2 in critical care or become an inpatient clinical pharmacist.

## **Michael Larson**



**Previous Education:** PharmD from Concordia University Wisconsin. BS in Biology from University of Wisconsin - Madison

**Short Bio:** I am from Green Bay, WI and developed interest in pharmacy from a young age as both of my grandfathers were pharmacists. I worked in my paternal Grandfather's pharmacy and saw his dedication to patient care, which inspired me to become a pharmacist. Outside of work, I enjoy going on walks with my girlfriend and dog, playing golf with my friends, and going to Lambeau Field to watch the Packers!

**Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency:** The size and diversity of patient populations, critical care and ID rotations, and work culture.

**Why Aurora?** I had 5 rotations at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center as an APPE student and loved every rotation. The pharmacists and residents I interacted with were kind and welcoming. I had not experienced such a friendly and relaxed work culture, and I knew I wanted to be a part of Aurora.

**Current rotations:** Infectious Diseases, Critical Care, Cardiology, Medicine, Oncology, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Surgery

**Additional experiences:** Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

**Year-long project:** Prospective Prior to Admission Medication Histories Conducted by Pharmacy for Planned Sotalol and Dofetilide Loads to Reduce Time to First Dose

**Future:** I hope to pursue a PGY2 in either ID or Critical Care or remain at Aurora as a pharmacist.

## **Kans Lewis**



**Previous Education:** PharmD from Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy

**Short Bio:** It's a bit difficult to pinpoint where I'm from, as my dad was in the military, and we moved around to different locations and states about every two years. However, I can say I've spent a significant portion of my life in Florida, specifically in Broward and Tallahassee. During my free time, I enjoy watching anime and learning more about Japanese culture. I'm also definitely a nerd and love watching scientific videos.

**Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency:** When I was searching for a residency, I knew my ultimate goal was to become a pharmacist specializing in cardiology. During my APPE rotation, a PGY2

HSPAL resident advised me to seek programs offering both a PGY1 residency and a PGY2 in cardiology. Additionally, I wanted to work in a large hospital that could provide a wide range of experiences, allowing me to gain as much exposure as possible.

**Why Aurora?** I chose Aurora because, during my interview, it genuinely felt like I was interviewing them more than they were interviewing me. After hearing the presentation about what Aurora has to offer, I instantly knew this was the right system for me. The pharmacists representing Aurora went above and beyond to showcase their strengths, but they also helped me identify what I could contribute to Aurora. Everyone was so warm and welcoming that I knew I would be embraced as part of their family and supported every step of the way in achieving a PGY-2 position.

**Current rotations:** Cardiology, Surgery, Coronary ICU, Medicine, Administration/DUP, Infectious Diseases, Medical ICU

**Additional experiences:** Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

**Year-long project:** Analysis of Perioperative Management of Antithrombotic Therapy Against Updated 2022 Guidelines

**Future:** I hope to pursue a PGY-2 in cardiology.

## **Emily Mowrer**



**Previous Education:** PharmD from Concordia University Wisconsin

**Short Bio:** I am originally from Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and I completed both my undergraduate and graduate degrees at Concordia University Wisconsin. In my free time, I enjoy playing video games, reading, and learning to play piano.

**Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency:** I wanted a residency program that had a mix of required rotations and electives that I was interested in. I also wanted flexibility in scheduling rotations and be able to gain experience in specialties that I was considering a PGY-2 residency early on in the year.

**Why Aurora?** I was previously an intern at Aurora West Allis Medical Center, so I knew I wanted to choose a residency program within the Advocate Health System. I also did multiple APPE rotations at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center and felt very welcomed by all the pharmacists and technicians. The ease of scheduling and getting the rotations I was interested in mixed with the positive environment was what sold me on Metro, Inc.

**Current rotations:** Critical Care, Abdominal transplant, Medicine, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Surgery, Cardiology, Infectious Diseases

**Additional experiences:** Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

**Year-long project:** Develop Workflow for Technicians to Proactively Review Inventory for Soon-to-Expire Medications

**Future:** I hope to start my career as a clinical pharmacist.

## **Ryan Pijanowski**



**Previous Education:** PharmD from Midwestern University

**Short Bio:** I was born in Utica, IL and finished my Biomedical Science bachelor's degree at Marquette University. Outside of pharmacy I enjoy brewing coffee, playing ping-pong, and working on cars.

**Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency:**

For me, I highly valued programs that boasted strong emergency medicine/critical care rotations. Additional factors I looked for were diverse patient populations and a larger class size.

**Why Aurora?** The culture first and foremost. Everyone, from preceptors to other residents, are very supportive and have your best interests in mind. Outside of that, the sheer reach of Advocate as a system and the various opportunities that may present.

**Current rotations:** Administration/DUP, Cardiology, Emergency Medicine, Neuro ICU, Surgery, Medical/Respiratory ICU, Medicine

**Additional experiences:** Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

**Year-long project:** Cost Saving Analysis on Standardization of Computerized Provider Order Entry  
Guided Selection of Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis

**Future:** I plan to pursue a PGY2 in emergency medicine.



## **Leah Radde**



**Previous Education:** PharmD from Concordia University Wisconsin

**Short Bio:** I grew up in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin and completed my undergraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and pharmacy school at Concordia University Wisconsin. In my free time I enjoy traveling, being with friends & family, trying new restaurants, and going to Bucks games

**Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency:** I considered class size, rotation experiences, location, work life balance, and level of support provided throughout the year.

**Why Aurora?** During my interview, I felt welcomed and supported and knew that was the kind of program I wanted. Aurora also offers a wide variety of learning experiences that I know will aid in my growth as a pharmacist.

**Current rotations:** Oncology Clinic, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Surgery, Cardiology, Medicine, Heart Failure Clinic, and Critical Care

**Additional experiences:** Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

**Year-long project:** Establishing a New Minimum Standard Documentation and Workflow for Patients Discharged on Warfarin to Ensure Safer Care Transitions at Discharge Following Hospitalization

**Future:** I am still determining if I want to pursue a PGY-2 or continue my career as a clinical pharmacist after my PGY-1 residency.

## **Kayla Reynolds**



**Previous Education:** PharmD from Medical College of Wisconsin

**Short Bio:** I grew up in Janesville, WI and completed my pre-pharmacy education at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. In my free time, I love to listen to science communicator podcasts, bake, and read.

**Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency:** I was looking for a large hospital in Wisconsin with a broad range of practice experiences and a large residency class.

**Why Aurora?** Before residency, I was an intern at an Aurora hospital. Pharmacists were all very welcoming to learners. During my interview, I felt that this would be a welcoming and supportive environment to continue to grow my clinical skills in a system that supports patient safety.

**Current rotations:** Cardiology, Administration, Psychiatry, Surgical ICU, Infectious Diseases, Surgery, and Medicine

**Additional experiences:** Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

**Year-long project:** Implementation of an Emergent Inpatient Intrathecal Pain Pump Workflow

**Future:** I hope to use this year to guide my decision on whether or not to pursue a PGY2 versus continuing as a pharmacist within the system.

## **Dylan Sarocco**



**Previous Education:** PharmD from Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

**Short Bio:** I grew up in Darien, IL, and I graduated from Drake University for pharmacy school. After graduation I worked in inpatient pharmacy in central Illinois where I gained a lot of hospital experience. I decided to go back and complete a PGY1 residency program to gain further knowledge and experience in managing various disease states. In my free time, I enjoy spending time outside, golfing with friends, and learning to cook new recipes.

**Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency:** When looking at residencies, I knew I wanted a program at a large teaching hospital that would provide me with a wide variety of inpatient experiences and leadership opportunities. I also looked for programs with a larger residency class to grow new friendships within the pharmacy profession.

**Why Aurora?** During my interview, I felt very welcomed and had great conversations with the residency director and current residents about the program. Aurora met my residency class size requirements and offered PGY2 programs in my interested clinical areas: cardiology and infectious disease.

**Current rotations:** Cardiology, Infectious Disease, Medicine, Cardiothoracic Transplant, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Neuro ICU, Surgery

**Additional experiences:** Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

**Year-long project:** Direct Thrombin Inhibitor use in Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation

**Future:** I hope to pursue a PGY2 in cardiology or infectious disease or continue my career as a pharmacist within the health system.

## **Mitchell Sorenson**



**Previous Education:** PharmD from University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy and BS Chemistry from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Short Bio:** I grew up in the Chicago suburbs near Six Flags. I like soccer, football (Bears), baseball (Cubs), and golf. I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. I'm more of a homebody but I can be convinced to go out. I'm convinced that Kraft mac and cheese is superior to all other mac and cheeses.

**Factors Considered Most Important When Choosing Residency:** Having an option to get a teaching certificate and having my areas of interest as rotation options (psych, ED, critical care, ID).

**Why Aurora?** I chose Aurora because it had all of my areas of interest as rotations, it's well known, and I wanted to stay in the Midwest.

**Current rotations:** Medicine, Psychology, Critical care, Administration/Drug Use Policy, Infectious Diseases, Cardiology, Surgery

**Additional experiences:** Medication Safety, Continuing Education Presentation, Staffing, Accreditation, and Recruitment

**Year-long project:** Gap Analysis of Oncology Pharmacists' Baseline Knowledge of Pharmacogenomic Therapy

**Future:** Potentially pursue a PGY2 in one of my areas of interest or continue my career as an inpatient clinical pharmacist.