

# Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program Accreditation Fact Sheet

## Duration of Fellowship Training

- 12-months (part-time must be completed within 24 months)

## Sponsoring Institution

- ACGME-accredited
- Has a residency program in at least one of the following:
  - Anesthesiology
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Family Medicine
  - Internal Medicine
  - Ob-Gyn
  - Pediatrics
  - Preventive Medicine
  - Psychiatry

## Program Director

- Certified in Addiction Medicine
- 0.2 FTE

## Faculty

- At least 1 faculty member (in addition to Program Director) certified in Addiction Medicine
- At least 1 faculty member certified in Psychiatry
- At least 1 faculty member from Anesthesia, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Ob-Gyn, Pediatrics, Preventive Medicine, or Surgery.

## Other Personnel

- Clinician(s) with expertise in pain
- Inclusion of multiple disciplines encouraged
  - eg, adolescent health, women's health, psychology, counseling
- Program Coordinator

## Clinical Training Sites

- Inpatient
  - Addiction-focused facility: eg, inpatient treatment program, hospital-based rehab program, medically managed residential program
  - Acute care general hospital with full range of services (ICU, ED, lab, imaging)
- Outpatient
  - Addiction-focused: opioid treatment program, intensive outpatient program, partial hospitalization
  - General medical: health system clinic, community health center, etc.
- *Program Letters of Agreement: Needed for required rotation sites that are not under governance of sponsoring institution*

## Patient population

- Diversity in age (should include adolescents), gender, socio-economic status, culture, and co-occurring medical and psychiatric conditions.

## Curriculum

- Rotations
  - At least 9 months of clinical experience (block and/or longitudinal rotations)
    - At least 3 months inpatient
      - Should include 1 month consultation experience

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*curriculum rotations continued...*

- At least 3 months outpatient
- ½ day per week continuity outpatient
- Maximum 3 months of electives, scholarly activity, research, vacation
  - ½ day per week longitudinal learning
- Competencies
  - Assessment, diagnosis, and treatment along continuum of care
  - Prevention, screening, early intervention
  - Interdisciplinary teams (other specialists, psychologists, counselors, etc.)
  - Pharmacology and pharmacotherapies
  - Psychosocial interventions
  - Medically managed withdrawal
  - Management of co-occurring conditions
  - Epidemiology and etiology
  - Behavioral addictions
  - Pregnancy

### Funding

- Sources
  - Medicare GME (subject to “cap”)
  - Medicaid and other state and local government
  - Institutional support
  - Clinical revenue
  - VA
  - Philanthropy
- The Business Case
  - Retention of graduates in a shortage specialty
  - Increased quality, capacity, and recognition of needed service

### Steps in the Process

- Contact your institution’s Graduate Medical Education office – only they can initiate the ACGME application
  - You must identify the program director, affiliated residency and primary training site to initiate the application (*if you do not have an affiliated residency in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, or Psychiatry, you may apply as “residency independent”*).
  - Once you have initiated, you have access to start working on the online application. Access is not time-limited – you may work on it as long as you wish and submit when ready.
  - Applications are decided by the Review Committees for Family Medicine, Internal Medicine or Psychiatry. Accreditation is typically effective on the date of the Review Committee meeting (or sometimes retroactive to the start of the academic year in which the decision is made). Review Committees meet several times a year – to see schedules go to [ACGME.org](http://ACGME.org) and click the “Specialties” tab.



**This resource is provided to you by the American College of Academic Addiction Medicine (ACAAM). We stand ready to assist. Contact Andrew Danzo, ACAAM Director of Fellowship Development at [adanzo@accam.org](mailto:adanzo@accam.org).**

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