



### PROGRAM INFORMATION

The program offers third and fourth year medical students an emergency medicine rotation with opportunities for experience in Wilderness Medicine, Emergency Ultrasound, and research. Medical students are integrated into the emergency team, participate in grand rounds, board rounds, procedures, and simulation cases. Students have the opportunity to see a high volume of patients and perform emergency procedures. Interested students are encouraged to apply early, especially if considering July through September rotation dates. Please contact Cindy Kirker by email at [cinda.l.kirker.civ@health.mil](mailto:cinda.l.kirker.civ@health.mil) to set up your rotation or interview. You must be active duty military in order to apply to the residency.

### FURTHER QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

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# MADIGAN

## ARMY MEDICAL CENTER



## EMERGENCY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM



### OVERVIEW

The Residency at Madigan is the Army's premier training program for Emergency Medicine. Madigan has been developing exceptional emergency physicians for decades. Our program is demanding, but the atmosphere is one of teamwork and camaraderie. The program leadership recognizes the challenges of residency, and supports an environment of mutual support among the residents. Our graduates are prepared to practice emergency medicine anywhere in the world, pass their board exams, and assume leadership positions in the Army and beyond.

### THE FACULTY

The Madigan Faculty consists almost 30 board-certified Emergency Physicians who are fully committed to the training and development of our residents. Many of our staff have completed additional fellowship training and earned degrees in Wilderness Medicine, Emergency Ultrasound, Sports Medicine, Legal Medicine, and Pediatrics. All of our staff have established records of excellence in teaching, administration, and research. The expertise, devotion, and approachability of the Madigan staff create an optimal learning atmosphere for our residents and an outstanding professional network for our graduates.

### THE PROGRAM

Our 3-year curriculum has been fully endorsed by the ACGME to train 12 residents per year. The philosophy of the Madigan residency is one of cooperative education. Residents work together to learn from one another, achieve professional goals, and decompress when the shift is finished. As residents progress through their training, faculty provide them with personalized advising for academic, professional, and personal development and ensure they are set up for success upon completion of training. The program is outlined below.

EM-1: Emphasis is on developing a solid foundation of Emergency Medicine knowledge and an expert approach to the Emergency Department patient. Rotations include an Orientation Month (including a tissue course in Houston, Texas and Advanced Wilderness Life Support), 6 blocks in the Madigan ED, 1 block in the UWED, 1 block of Trauma (Harborview, Seattle) and 1 block each of OB, Anesthesia, Ultrasound, and UW MICU.

EM-2: Emphasis is on developing efficiency in the ED, procedural expertise, and more independent practice as the resident demonstrates competency with increasingly complex patients. Rotations include 6 blocks in the Madigan ED, 1 block in the UWED, 1 block in a community ED (St. Pete's, Olympia), and 1 block each of Trauma (Legacy, Portland), Neurosurgical ICU (Harborview, Seattle), Cardiology, Pediatric EM (Mary Bridge, Tacoma), and Toxicology/EMS/Research.

EM-3: Emphasis is on the refinement of skill with orchestrating the care of multiple complex patients simultaneously, directing and teaching junior physicians, departmental leadership, literature appraisal, and evidence-based medicine. Rotations include 6 blocks in the Madigan ED, 1 block in a local community ED (Good Sam, Puyallup), and 1 block each of Trauma (Harborview), Pediatric EM, PICU (Spokane), Madigan ICU, Community EM selective, an elective, and a variable amount of time as Chief Resident or Assistant Chief Resident.



### THE HOSPITAL AND THE ED

Madigan Army Medical Center, a level II trauma center, is a 450-bed hospital located in South Tacoma, about 50 miles from Seattle and 120 miles from Portland. The hospital provides exceptional care to active duty service members, families, retirees, and civilian emergencies. Approximately 60,000 patients are treated annually in the Madigan Emergency Medicine Department. The ED functions as a receiving facility for medical, surgical, and pediatric emergencies in the South Sound Area. The ED receives evacuated soldiers from war zones around the globe as well as climbers from Mount Rainier. Additionally, the ED serves as a base station for Mount Rainier National Park, for which residents will field EMS calls. The volume, diversity, and acuity of illness and injury provide an optimal experience for the Emergency Medicine Resident and rotating residents and medical students.

### THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

The Pacific Northwest has countless opportunities for outdoor, cultural, and dining experiences. The Puget Sound region hosts a variety of concerts and sporting events, and has innumerable outstanding restaurants along with diverse cultural opportunities. Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy nearby fishing, crabbing, hiking, mountaineering, camping, skiing, kayaking, at or around the 3 local National Parks. For a weekend away, the San Juan Islands, Portland, as well as Victoria and Vancouver, Canada are all within reach and are essential destinations for Washington residents.