

Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals

The [Medical College of Wisconsin and Affiliated Hospitals \(MCWAH\)](#) sponsors a three-year fellowship in Child Abuse Pediatrics (CAP), which is accredited by the ACGME. Fellows will be an integral part of the [Child Advocacy and Protection Services](#) [Ch](#)

program, which provides hospital-based and outpatient services for suspected victims of child abuse and neglect. Fellows will develop skills and expertise in evaluating all types of child maltreatment, providing legal testimony, and advocating for children through their work as members of the multidisciplinary team, didactics, rotations with other specialties, attendance at conferences, and experiences with community agencies.

The primary teaching site for the CAP fellowship is [Children's Hospital of Wisconsin \(CHW\)](#), a freestanding academic children's hospital affiliated with the [Medical College of Wisconsin \(MCW\)](#)

. A 306-bed hospital with a Level I Trauma Center, CHW serves children throughout Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

Program highlights include:

Well-staffed, multidisciplinary, statewide program

The Child Advocacy medical team is composed of four board-certified child abuse pediatricians, two general pediatricians, six advanced practice providers, as well as social workers, forensic interviewers, child life specialists and support staff. The program does not rely on learners for service obligations, allowing fellows to focus on learning.

Diverse range of clinical experiences

The child abuse team evaluates more than 6,500 cases of child maltreatment annually, making it one of the largest Child Abuse Pediatrics programs in the country. Fellows rotate with a diverse range of subspecialty services, including Burn Surgery, Forensic Pathology, Toxicology, and Mental Health among others. In addition to a wide variety of inpatient consult experiences, outpatient clinical experience includes time at the [Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center \(MCAC\)](#) and multiple community sites. MCAC serves Milwaukee as well as the surrounding areas to provide onsite services including forensic interviews, mental health therapy, medical evaluations, and victim services. It is one of seven

[CHW Child Advocacy Centers](#)

in Wisconsin, many of which fellows will rotate through for experience in more rural settings. Fellows also will complete forensic interview training during their fellowship. In addition to evaluating children suspected of being maltreated, fellows gain multiple skills in evaluation of children in foster care through the MCAC's busy foster care medical home program called [Care4Kids](#)

Established board review program

Child Advocacy and Protection faculty have developed written board review material based on the American Board of Pediatrics Content Specifications for the Subspecialty Board Exam. These materials are updated regularly and reviewed with fellows during weekly board review sessions. MCWAH Child Abuse Pediatrics fellows consistently score at least one standard deviation above the mean on in-service examinations and the Board pass rate for the program is 100%.

Unique community and systems perspective

The Milwaukee CAC is housed within Milwaukee's [Family Peace Center](#), the largest and most comprehensive family justice center in the nation. Multiple youth-service community and investigative agencies are co-located within the center. Multidisciplinary team agencies, including CHW, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding recognizing a joint protocol for the initial investigation and service provision of child maltreatment investigations in Milwaukee County. These collaborative efforts allow our fellows unique opportunities for systems-based learning and community advocacy.

Support for scholarly activities

Members of the medical team are actively engaged in teaching and research in addition to their clinical duties. A research coordinator provides support to the Child Advocacy and Protection division, and the Medical College of Wisconsin [Quantitative Health Sciences](#) department provides support for research development, study design, and statistics. Subsidized tuition is available for fellows who wish to obtain a Master's Degree in

[Public Health](#)

,
[Bioethics](#)

, or

[Clinical and Translational Science](#)

through the Medical College of Wisconsin during their fellowship. In addition to dedicated research blocks, the program offers protected time and funding for attendance at local and national conferences.

Emphasis on work-life balance

Given the nature of Child Abuse Pediatrics, the program recognizes the importance of work-life balance. This culture is supported by Child Advocacy and CHW leadership and is reflected in program policies and within the structure of the fellowship and health system.

Located on the shores of Lake Michigan, Milwaukee is a great place to live. The Milwaukee metropolitan area offers a wide variety of communities from urban to rural. You will find excellent schools, professional, college and amateur sports, a vibrant restaurant scene, one of the most extensive park systems in the country, and numerous opportunities for enjoying theatre, music and art.

Reimbursement for fellowship interviews

Applicants who are interested in further exploring fellowship training through the MCWAH Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship will be reimbursed for lodging and other travel expenses.

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