PHARMACY RESIDENCY
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

VA NWIHCS – Grand Island offers an ASHP accredited PGY1 residency (2 positions) as well as a candidate-status PGY2 Ambulatory Care program (1 position).

This progressive PGY1 residency is designed to emphasize the development and training of a well-rounded clinical practitioner who can improve drug therapy and excel in chronic disease management, sub-acute/long-term care (CLC), precepting and pharmacy management. Residents will provide patient-centered pharmacy services in a rural setting, conducting in-person appointments at the clinic, as well as phone and video visits. Residents gain autonomy as the year progresses and are responsible for high volume outpatient clinics, managing diabetes, lipids, CHF, hypertension, tobacco cessation, polypharmacy, anticoagulation, pain and other chronic diseases.

During rotations on the CLC, residents will gain experience with palliative and hospice care as well as provide clinical pharmacy service for sub-acute/long-term care patients. On the CLC, residents will participate in daily rounds, interdisciplinary team meetings, complete pharmacokinetic monitoring for antibiotic therapy, assist with chronic and acute pain management, anticoagulation therapy, admission and discharge medication reconciliation, as well as monthly drug regimen reviews.

Residents will have ample opportunities to provide presentations to patients, nurses and pharmacists. Precepting students will be an integral part of the residency experience; residents may choose to complete the Teaching Certificate Program offered through Creighton University. Residents will become proficient in staffing both the inpatient and outpatient setting throughout the year.

The PGY1 program is flexible to meet the needs and interests of the residents. The focus will be on the rural healthcare setting at the Grand Island campus, however residents may complete elective experiences at other campuses within our integrated healthcare system. PGY1 residents may elect to apply for early commitment to the PGY2 Ambulatory Care residency program where they will build on experiences gained in the PGY1 year.

For More Information:
http://www.nebraska.va.gov/nemprov/pharmacy_residency/VA_NWIHCS_Pharmacy_Residency_Programs.asp

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About Us

Grand Island City Overview
With a population of about 50,000, Grand Island is Nebraska’s fourth largest city. It is a rural community, but is only about 90 minutes from Lincoln, the state’s capital. Grand Island is home to the Nebraska State Fair and other regional events. There is a variety of unique restaurants, bars/breweries and vineyards in and around the community. The Railside district continues to boom with new downtown lofts, boutiques, business and culture. There are nearby lakes and rivers, hike/bike paths through town and other numerous outdoor activities.

Grand Island VA Medical Center Overview
VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System (NWIHCS) is an integrated healthcare system comprised by Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island parent facilities, in addition to five Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC’s). The Grand Island VA Medical Center is a rural location providing service to nearly 10,000 Veterans in central and western Nebraska. Pharmacy involvement in the clinical setting is well-developed, going back nearly 40 years. The facility has three primary care clinics with 3-4 providers per clinic. Several specialties are on site as well: ortho, radiology, dermatology, urology, respiratory, eye and dental clinics. On the Community Living Center (CLC) floor, patients receive step-down care after discharging from more acute care settings. The CLC also serves our Veterans receiving hospice or palliative care. The Substance Abuse Residential Recovery Treatment Program (SARRTP) provides a 30-day inpatient rehabilitation program for alcohol and substance abuse.

Grand Island PGY1 Residency Program

PGY1 Program Structure

REQUIRED EXPERIENCES

Rotational (4 weeks unless otherwise noted)
- Orientation (2 weeks)
- Pharmacy Operations
- Anticoagulation Clinic
- Ambulatory Care Clinic/PACT (2 blocks)
- Sub Acute/Long-Term Care Unit (CLC) (2 blocks)
- Management
- Outpatient Mental Health Clinic

Longitudinal (Required)
- Drug Information (includes precepting)
- QI or Research Project (Inverse model)
- Professional Growth
- Staffing

ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES
(4 total blocks, 1 must be non-direct pt care*)

- Grand Island/Virtual
  - Academic Detailing*
  - Home-Based Primary Care*
  - Pharmacy Operations-2
  - Patient Safety*
  - Rural Ambulatory Care – North Platte
  - Anticoagulation-2
  - Mental Health-2
  - CLC-3
  - PACT-3
  - Acute Care (non-VA)
- Omaha campus
  - Cardiology
  - Infectious Disease/Antimicrobial Stewardship
  - Inpatient Internal Medicine
  - Inpatient Mental Health
  - Pain/Whole Health
  - Academia (non-VA)*

PROGRAM BENEFITS
- Stipend ($41,533)
- 13 Days of Vacation Leave
- 13 Days of Sick Leave
- 10 Holidays Off
- 3 Lab Coats
- Paid VA Interview days
- Comprehensive benefits package (life, health and dental insurance)

Requirements:
- Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from ACPE-Accredited School of Pharmacy
- Eligible for Pharmacist Licensure in the U.S. or District of Columbia
- U.S. Citizen

Application Materials:
- Academic Transcripts (Minimum GPA: 3.0 or no repeated courses for pass/fail curriculum)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Intent (address questions below)
  - Why you want to complete your residency at the Grand Island VA
  - Areas of clinical interest
  - Strengths and what you are hoping to accomplish during residency
  - Short and long-term career goals
  - Why you are a good match at Grand Island VA
- Three Completed Residency Applicant Recommendation Forms
- Special Requirements: Request reference complete and answer all narrative comment questions (1-4) on the standardized reference form available on PhORCAS.

Application Deadline: Jan. 10
Interview Notification: Jan. 27
*PhORCAS Participant