



VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System Grand Island Division PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency

Program Description

The pharmacy practice residency program is a 12-month residency with an emphasis is Ambulatory Care accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). It is designed to provide ongoing clinical pharmacy activities while promoting the resident's needs. The experience throughout the year is a longitudinal format at the Grand Island site.



The program provides clinical experience through a broad range of patients and disease states with emphasis on hyperlipidemia, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, anticoagulation, smoking cessation, primary care and long-term-care.

Residents work collegially with physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners along with having their own continuity clinics. During the year, each resident provides presentations such as patient management conferences, in-services to nurses and physicians, journal club, and a formal staff development seminar. Residents are also provided opportunity to teach pharmacy students from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Creighton University. A research or program development project is required. The results must be published or presented on a regional or national level. The program also provides a teaching and pharmacocybernetics certificate in conjunction with the residency certificate upon completion of the program.

Pharmacy Services

The pharmacy service employs one pharmacy manager, four staff pharmacists, four clinical pharmacists and four pharmacy technicians. The pharmacy provides outpatient services to over 13,000 veterans including veterans at the North Platte and Holdrege Community Based Outpatient Clinic. The Grand Island VA pharmacy is an integrated system with the Lincoln and Omaha sites, and the campus' work together on TEAMS with cooperation and collaboration for the good of pharmacy service in Nebraska/Western Iowa Health Care System.

Inpatient and acute services are provided to 60 plus veterans located on the Community Living Center (CLC) within the facility, as well as the Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP) participants. Facets of current clinical services include lipid clinic, anticoagulation clinic and group clinic, smoking cessation clinic, diabetes forum, COPD forum, HTN forum, kinetic monitoring, long-term care, poly-pharmacy, pharmacoeconomic/formulary reviews and the teaching of pharmacy students.

The Medical Center

The VA Nebraska/Western Iowa Health Care System (VA NWIHCS) consists of three VHA facilities. This health care system is responsible for a total of 104 counties in Nebraska, Western Iowa, and portions of Kansas and Missouri, and serves an estimated total veteran population of approximately 172,500. The Grand Island Division has a proven environment for learning and great administrative support. The facility offers an intimate size and relationship with the medical staff. The relaxed atmosphere provides a superb environment for learning. Greater than 300 pharmacy students have progressed through the site with a very positive learning experience.

Benefits

Estimated stipend: \$38,234 + hourly salary for pharmacy work done under the dual appointment staffing (not required)

- 13 days of vacation (accrued)
- 13 days of sick leave (accrued)
- 10 federal holidays
- Medial/life insurance
- Education/profession leave to attend national and regional meetings
- Determined travel and registration allowance to national and regional meetings

Requirements for Application

- U.S. Citizenship
- Graduation from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education accredited School or College of Pharmacy
- Required to become licensed (may be licensed in any United States)
- Letter of interest
- Curriculum vitae
- All College Transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation (using the ASHP standard form)
- Deadline for application is **January 9, 2009**
- **Interested candidates should e-mail Janelle.Sellers@va.gov for more information and application materials.**

Applicants for the Pharmacy Practice Residency are selected through the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Residency Matching Program. Three residency positions are available and all are located at the Grand Island site.