PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The VA NWIHCS – Grand Island offers an ASHP accredited PGY1 residency (2 positions) with a focus in Geriatrics and Ambulatory Care, as well as a pre-candidate PGY2 Ambulatory Care program (1 position).

PGY2 residents longitudinally manage complex patients within a rural ambulatory care practice. Residents develop advanced skill in the management of hyperlipidemia, diabetes, hypertension, tobacco cessation, chronic pain, congestive heart failure, anticoagulation and mental health. The primary clinical site is Grand Island, however residents complete rotations at additional sites within the integrated healthcare system.

Residents will rotate through a satellite clinic in rural, North Platte, Nebraska. In this unique environment, the pharmacist manages a variety of disease states, in addition to regulatory compliance, access to meds in the community, etc. Residents will also rotate through the Pain/Whole Health and Mental Health clinics at the Omaha VA to gain unique experiences in specialty disease state management.

PGY2 residents will be heavily involved in precepting PGY1 residents and APPE students. An online teaching certificate program is offered through Creighton University if interested.

About Us

Grand Island: While located in a rural setting, with a population of about 50,000, Grand Island is Nebraska’s fourth largest city. Grand Island is home to the Nebraska State Fair and many hotels, unique restaurants and breweries. The brick-streets of the Railroad District downtown is a destination for business, culture and entertainment with summer concert series and other events throughout the year. Grand Island has several bike/walking trails and parks throughout the community and is close to camp grounds, fishing lakes and hunting grounds. Grand Island is located just 90 minutes from Lincoln, the state’s capital.
Grand Island Pharmacy Residency Program

PGY2 Program

Purpose Statement:
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PGY2 Program Structure

REQUIRED EXPERIENCES

Rotational
- Orientation
- Outpatient Mental Health (Omaha VA Medical Center)
- Rural Ambulatory Care (North Platte VA Clinic)
- Pain/Whole Health (Omaha VA Medical Center)

Longitudinal
- Anticoagulation Clinic
- Ambulatory Care/PACT Clinic
- QI or Research Project
- Leadership/Teaching
- Academic Detailing

ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES

- Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Pharmacy Informatics (Lincoln VA Clinic)
- Pharmacoeconomics (Lincoln VA Clinic)
- Cardiology Service /CHF Clinic (Omaha VA Medical Center)
- Pharmacy Management (Omaha VA Medical Center, Lincoln VA Clinic and Grand Island VA Medical Center)
- Endocrinology Service (Omaha VA Medical Center)
- Nutrition/Weight Management (Omaha VA Medical Center/ Grand Island VA Medical Center)
- Pain Management
- Mental Health Clinic
- Rural Ambulatory Care (Norfolk VA Clinic)
- *Rotations are at the Grand Island VA campus unless otherwise noted; housing provided for off-site rotations

PGY2 Program Benefits

- Stipend ($43,500)
- 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, dental and vision insurance)
- Travel/education assistance provided to attend ASHP Midyear and regional residency conference, as available

Requirements:
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE-accredited school of pharmacy
- Eligible for pharmacy licensure in any of the 50 U.S. states or the District of Columbia
- Graduate of ASHP-accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency program
- U.S. Citizen

Application Materials:
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Academic Transcripts
- Three completed Residency Applicant Recommendation Request forms.
- Special Requirements: Reference writers references complete and answer all narrative comment questions (1-4) in their entirety on the Standardized Reference form available in PhORCAS.

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

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