

## 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).

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. 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](http://www.nebraska.va.gov/nemprov/pharmacy_residency/VA_NWIHCS_Pharmacy_Residency_Programs.asp)

### Current Residents:

Remington.Wade12@va.gov  
Sarah.Albanese13@va.gov  
Sharon.Mathew14@va.gov

This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.  
<https://www.pbm.va.gov/education/vapharmacyresidencyprogram.asp>



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration:  
Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

**VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System**  
2201 N Broadwell Ave  
Grand Island, NE 68803  
[www.nebraska.va.gov](http://www.nebraska.va.gov)

**Lisa Bilslend, PharmD, BCACP**  
Residency Program Director PGY-1  
Clinical Pharmacist  
Office Phone: 308-382-3660 ext. 9-2678  
[Lisa.Bilslend@va.gov](mailto:Lisa.Bilslend@va.gov)

Media/Pharmacy/Residency Prog/GI/ Grand Island Pharmacy Residency 9-18

# PHARMACY

## PGY1 Residency



**VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System**  
Grand Island, Nebraska

# About Us

## Grand Island City Overview

With a population of about 50,000, Grand Island is Nebraska's fourth largest city. While it boasts a rural population, it is only about 90 minutes from Lincoln, the state's capital. Grand Island is home to the Nebraska State Fair and many hotels, bars and restaurants. The Railside area is committed to promoting the brick-streets of downtown as a destination for business, culture and entertainment. There are many outdoor activities available as well.

## 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 over 11,000 Veterans in central and western-Nebraska. Pharmacy involvement in the clinical setting is well-developed, going back nearly 30 years.

The facility has three primary care clinics with 2-4 providers per clinic. Several specialties are on site as well: ortho, radiology, dermatology, urology, respiratory, eye and dental clinics. The Community Living Center (CLC) is where 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 Pharmacy Residency Program

## PGY1 Program Structure

### REQUIRED EXPERIENCES

#### Rotational

- Orientation
- Pharmacy Operations
- Anticoagulation Clinic (2 blocks)
- Ambulatory Care Clinic (PACT) (3 blocks)
- Sub Acute/Long-Term Care Unit (CLC) (2 blocks)
- Management

#### Longitudinal (Required)

- Drug Information (includes precepting)
- QI or Research Project
- Professional Growth

### ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES (3 total blocks)

- **Grand Island campus**
  - › Mental Health Clinic
  - › Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC)
  - › Specialty Clinics
  - › Rural Ambulatory Care (North Platte satellite location)
- **Lincoln campus**
  - › Informatics
  - › Pharmacoeconomics
  - › Telepharmacy
- **Omaha campus**
  - › Cardiology Service (Inpatient + CHF Clinic)
  - › Inpatient Internal Medicine Service
  - › Inpatient Mental Health

### Requirements:

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

### Application Materials:

- Academic Transcripts (Minimum GPA: 3.0)
- 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
  - › Short and long-term career goals
  - › Describe how your APPE and work experience makes you qualified for this program
  - › Why you are a good match at Grand Island VA
- Three Completed Residency Applicant Recommendation Request 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

## 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, dental and vision insurance)

