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 candidate-status 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 clinic (Omaha) and Mental Health Clinic (Omaha or Grand Island) 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 Railside 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.

For More Information:
https://www.nebraska.va.gov/nemprov/Pharmacy_Residency/PGY_2_Pharmacy_Residency_Program.asp

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PGY2 Program

Purpose Statement:
PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care or other advanced practice settings. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency are prepared for advanced patient care, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification, if available.

PGY2 Program Structure

REQUIRED EXPERIENCES

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

Longitudinal
- Leadership/Practice Management
- Ambulatory Care/PACT Clinic
- Residency Project (QI or research)

ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES

- Longitudinal (12 months) - choose 2
  - Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) (NWI/GI)
  - Pharmacy Administration (NWI/GI)
  - Academic Detailing (NWI/GI)
  - Anticoagulation (NWI/GI)
- Extended Experiences (3 months) – choose 1
  - Pain Management (O/GI)
  - Mental Health Clinic (O/GI)
- Rotations (4 weeks) – choose 2
  - Pharmacy Informatics (L/GI)
  - Pharmacoeconomics (L/GI)
  - Cardiology Service/CHF Clinic (Omaha)
  - Endocrinology/Nutrition (Omaha)
  - Rural Ambulatory Care – 2 (Norfolk)
  - Academia (Omaha/UNMC)

The PGY2 program is very flexible to the interests and goals of the resident. The RPD will work closely with the resident to ensure the year is tailored and help create new opportunities as needed.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Stipend ($43,500)
- 3 Lab Coats
- 13 Days of Vacation Leave
- 13 Days of Sick Leave
- 10 Holidays Off
- 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
- Minimum GPA 3.0
- Three completed Residency Applicant Recommendation Request forms.
- Special Requirements: Reference writers 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