About Us

Grand Island
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 Bid 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.

The Grand Island VA Medical Center
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.

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

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http://www.pbm.va.gov/education/vapharmacyresidencyprogram.asp

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VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System
Grand Island, Nebraska
Grand Island Pharmacy Residency Program

Program Purpose Statement
PGY1 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for post-graduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency training.

Program Overview
Established in 2005, our ASHP-accredited PGY-1 program accepts three residents each year. Residents will experience increased autonomy in caring for geriatric patients in a rural setting. Residents will participate in rural health interdisciplinary team meetings on a monthly basis as well as learn how to care for Veterans using the patient-centered medical home model. The program is flexible to meet the needs and interest of our trainees. Residents may elect to obtain a teaching certificate through Creighton University.

Core Learning Experiences
- Anticoagulation
- Disease State Management (both inpatient and outpatient)
- Geriatrics
- Inpatient long-term care
- Mental Health
- Education (precepting/in-services)

Elective Learning Experiences
- Internal Medicine (Omaha VA, as available)
- Management/Pharmacoeconomics
- Home-Based Primary Care
- Infusion/Oncology Clinic

Longitudinal Experiences
- Teaching and Precepting
- Inpatient and Outpatient Staffing
- Medication Utilization Evaluation
- Pharmacy Administration
- Quality Improvement or Research Project

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
- 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 are you a good match for the 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: January 10, 2017
Interview Notification: January 27, 2017
*PhORCAS Participant

PROGRAM BENEFITS
- Stipend ($41,166)
- 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)