General Information

Duration: 12 months  
Number of Positions: 1  
Starting Date: June 26th (flexible)  
Estimated Stipend: $43,668  
Benefits: vacation, holiday and sick leave; eligibility for federal employee health and life insurance; travel support varies each year  
Model (type): Teaching, Tertiary  
Total Beds: 273 acute care & 104 community living center

Conferences

Residents may attend:  
- ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting  
- Midwest Pharmacy Residents’ Conference  
- MSHP Meeting(s)

Application Requirements

1. Letter of Intent  
2. Curriculum Vitae  
3. Academic Transcripts from College of Pharmacy  
4. PhORCAS Standardized Recommendation Form submitted by 3 references  
5. Supplemental Essay

Submit required materials via PhORCAS by: January 5th of Selection Year

Additional information may be found via the program website:  
www.minneapolis.va.gov/education/Pharmacy/pharmacy.asp

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PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency

Rural Health/Ambulatory Care

Minneapolis VA Health Care

Rice Lake Community Based Outpatient Clinic

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Minneapolis VA Health Care System
MVAHCS is one of the ten largest VA medical centers in the country, serving more than 100,000 veterans in a six-state area of the upper Midwest. Our facility is a teaching hospital affiliated with the colleges of medicine and pharmacy at the University of Minnesota, and provides a full range of patient care services with state-of-the-art technology, educational resources, and research. Comprehensive health care is provided through primary care, specialty care, and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, neurology, oncology, and geriatrics. Includes 12 Community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs).

Pharmacy Services
More than 100 pharmacists play a vital role in the delivery of patient care; working as a team with physicians, nurses and other health care practitioners to ensure America’s Veterans receive the finest care. Pharmacists routinely interact one-on-one with patients providing consultation and guidance on the use of medications. VA Pharmacists utilize the full scope of their skills and knowledge in their daily practice.

Rice Lake, WI
Conveniently located 106 miles NE of Minneapolis, with a population of 8,441, Rice Lake is the home to two colleges and a home for avid outdoor enthusiasts. Multiple recreation leagues including indoor volleyball and curling. Shopping mall, restaurants, and a fitness center are located ~0.5 miles from clinic. Over 60 k of skiing/mountain biking trails and more than 150 miles of ATV and snowmobile trails within 15 minutes of clinic. There are seven golf courses and abundant lake country ideal for fishing and water sports year-round. Check out ricelakewis.com.

Why Rural Health?
- 30% of Veterans reside in rural America
- Rural Veterans represent 36% of the total enrolled veterans in the VA Health System

Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)
- Outpatient facility that provides a variety of services for primary care clinics
- Improves access to care, quality of care and cost of care
- Located in a variety of geographic area ranging from rural to urban

Residency Program Overview
This post-graduate year one (PGY-1) Pharmacy Residency program in a Rural Health/Ambulatory Care setting, accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), provides a comprehensive year of education and experience with an emphasis on direct patient care. Required rotations offer a variety of experiences in ambulatory care settings at both the Rice Lake CBOC and the Minneapolis VA Medical Center.

Required Rotations
- Anticoagulation
- Home based primary care
- Primary Care
- Rural Health Primary Care
- Specialty Medicine
- Women’s Health

Residency Experiences
- ACLS/BLS certification
- Active participation in the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
- Diverse opportunities in patient care - Mental Health, Pain, Dialysis, Rheumatology
- Drug information service
- In-services, journal club, CE presentations
- Newsletter publisher
- Plan, design, and perform one major residency project
- Precepting & mentoring pharmacy students
- Rural Health Based Curriculum

Required Longitudinal Rotations
- Administration
- Patient Care Panel
- Project Management/Professionalism
- Staffing

Electives Offered
- Advanced Ambulatory Care
- Advanced Home Based Primary Care
- Advanced Women's Clinic
- Ambulatory Care Specialty
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Informatics
- Oncology
- Pain Management
- Serious Mental Illness - Outpatient
- Traumatic Brain Injury & Polytrauma Center

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