

*For over 75 years, the North Chicago VA Medical Center has been providing quality health care to our veterans. Today, we are one of eight medical centers within the VA Great Lakes Health Care System, VISN 12, dedicated to effectively meeting the health care needs of our patients.*

*The North Chicago Veterans Affairs Medical Center is located midway between Milwaukee and Chicago on 125 acres in North Chicago, Illinois. We provide primary care to over 15,000 veterans.*

*The North Chicago facility has 150 operating hospital beds, 204 nursing home care beds, a 60-bed domiciliary for homeless veterans, and 89 beds for alcohol and drug abuse treatment. In addition to primary care and inpatient services, the North Chicago VAMC provides audiology and speech pathology, ambulatory surgery, dental, mental health and substance abuse, women's health and rehabilitation medicine services. The North Chicago VAMC is affiliated with the Finch University of Health Sciences/The Chicago Medical School, which is located adjacent to the medical center. Each year residents in medicine and psychiatry train at North Chicago VAMC.*

*The North Chicago VAMC, Department of Pharmacy is affiliated with Midwestern University, University of Illinois, and Butler University.*



## Mission Statement

To provide integrated high quality comprehensive mental health, extended and primary care services to patients served by the VA Great Lakes Health Care System.

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**PHARMACY  
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# PHARMACY PRACTICE RESIDENCY



## Residency Objectives

*During this program, the resident will:*

*\*Develop the knowledge and clinical skills necessary to practice in various patient care settings*

*\*Develop management skills needed to conceptualize, develop, and improve clinical pharmacy services*

*\*Strengthen oral and written communication skills through daily interactions with other health care professionals and patients.*

## Responsibilities include:

- \*Optimizing therapeutic strategies based on primary literature and national guidelines*
- \*Monitoring drug safety and efficacy*
- \*Providing patient education*
- \*Coordinating patient follow-up*
- \*Managing acute medical complaints*
- \*Assessing and documenting patient outcomes*
- \*Participating in pharmacy quality management programs including ADR reporting, drug usage evaluation and formulary management*

## Patient Care Experiences:

- \* Acute Medicine*
- \*Endocrinology*
- \*Cardiology*
- \*Psychiatry*
- \*Long-term Care*
- \*Smoking Cessation*
- \*Pharmacy Benefit Management*
- \*Clinics at Great Lakes Navy Base*
- \*Primary Care Clinics*
- \*Critical Care*
- \*Extended Care*
- \*Pulmonary*
- \*Home Health*
- \*Other Specialty Clinics*

## Teaching Experience

- \*Facilitate small group discussions at Midwestern University*
- \*Co-Precept pharmacy students*
- \*Deliver continuing professional education to various health disciplines.*

## Additional Responsibilities

Completion of a residency project (clinical or administrative)

## General Information

The 52 week residency includes 13 vacation days, 10 holidays and 13 sick days. The residency begins on July 1 and continues through June 30.

## Qualifications of the Resident

- \* Graduation with a Pharm.D. degree*
- \* Eligible for pharmacy licensure*
- \* Highly self-directed*
- \* Excellent interpersonal and communication skills*

## Faculty

### Appointment

Each Resident will receive a faculty appointment as a clinical instructor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at Midwestern University.



## Program Director

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