

Deer Lodge Centre Pharmacy Department Pharmacy Student Placement Description

The Pharmacy

Deer Lodge Centre Pharmacy department provides clinical and drug distribution services to approximately 581 long term care patients within the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. DLC provides full pharmacy services from Monday through Friday, 0800hr-1615hr and on-call services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The drug distribution system provides blister packaged medications. New prescriptions as well as refills of non-blister packaged medications are filled daily. Technicians prepackage all the blister packs on site and attend to the wards to provide narcotics and ward stock. A medication self-administration program is available to some residents.

Pharmacy technicians rotate between various duties within the pharmacy itself. Pharmacists are assigned to specific patient care areas for their clinical work and share responsibilities for dispensing duties. The ratio to dispensary time to clinical time is approximately 50:50.

1. Personal Care Home (PCH) beds: the majority of these beds are reserved for Veterans and the remainder provides special care to Alzheimers/Psychogeriatric and PCH patients.
2. Interim Care beds: all of the interim care beds are off-site at Misericordia Health Centre. These units provide care for residents waiting to be admitted to the personal care home of their choice.
3. Acute Care beds: these patient care areas provide geriatric assessments, and Assessment & Rehab (A & R) care to patients discharged from an acute care facility after stroke, hip & knee replacement, etc.
4. Chronic Care beds: these areas provide care for respiratory, neuro-supportive care, dialysis, and general chronic care patients.
5. Geriatric Day Hospital and PRIME (Program of Integrated Managed-care of the Elderly) Program: Outpatient, multi-disciplinary programs that provide a range of services to help frail elderly persons remain in the community and avoid hospitalization.

The Practicum Site

Students will have the opportunity to:

- look after inpatients and ambulatory patients with a variety of health problems common to the elderly
- speak to personal care home residents and identify drug related problems
- attend multidisciplinary team meetings, post-admission conferences and quarterly medication reviews
- conduct medication histories, medication counseling sessions and be involved in dealing with compliance issues of patients that live in the community
- interact with other health care professionals
- this is an ideal practicum location for students that intend to work in long term and community settings after graduation