

# **Victoria General Hospital Pharmacy Services Pharmacy Student Practicum Descriptions**

## **The Hospital**

Victoria General Hospital is a 231 bed community hospital in South Winnipeg. It has a large commitment to Family Medicine (including a Family Medicine Teaching Unit) and provides care through its Mature Women's Centre. Other services include mental health, medical rehabilitation, oncology, and general surgery.

## **Our Pharmacy Department**

Pharmacy technicians aid delivery of pharmaceutical care through support of the computerized (GE Centricity) and automated unit-dose (Pyxis; AutoMed) drug distribution system. Pharmacy technicians also support a limited centralized IV admixture service, including preparation of TPN, investigational drugs services, purchasing and inventory control systems.

Pharmacists provide direct patient care utilizing a decentralized clinical/distributive practice model. Clinical pharmacy services are provided to patients in Family Medicine, Surgery, Mental Health, Intensive Care, and Emergency.

## **Practicum Sites:**

Students doing drug distribution placements will gain experience in the following areas of the central dispensary: medication prepackaging, Pyxis cabinet maintenance; narcotic control; wardstock; purchasing and receiving; and, IV services.

Students that do clinical placements will be assigned to care for Medicine, Mental Health, Intensive Care and/or Emergency patients, depending on preceptor availability, for at least one-half of the rotation. In all cases, students have opportunities to visit each clinical area during their practicum.