

Riverview Health Centre Pharmacy Department Pharmacy Student Placement Description

The Hospital

Riverview Health Centre is a long-term healthcare facility with a focus on chronic care, rehabilitation, geriatric medicine, and palliative care. It comprises:

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- Chronic care patient care units;
- Stroke and Acute Brain Injury rehabilitation units;
- Palliative Care, with an emphasis on optimizing symptom management;
- Day Hospital (to optimize functioning of persons living in the community)

Information about parking, food, bus routes, and maps can be found on the WRHA Welcome page

<https://elearning.easygenerator.com/a17ec104-ce11-4cbc-83ad-7f067c588e64/#/login> You do not need an WRHA email to create an account.

How Do I Get to Riverview Health Centre?

Riverview Health Centre is located at 1 Morley Avenue, East (from Osborne, turn east onto Morley and continue to the end of the street). You can drive to the hospital or take a city bus.

Where Can I Park?

There is a parking lot in the front of the hospital and fees are payable inside the front entrance of the facility. Street parking for greater than 1-2 hours is available within reasonable walking distance from the hospital.

Where Do I Go On Day 1 of the Rotation?

On Day 1 of the rotation, you are asked to report to the Pharmacy at 0745h so that you can attend hospital orientation, which commences at 0800h. The Pharmacy is located on the Main Floor of the hospital, adjacent to the elevators at the South Entrance. Push the big green button and one of the friendly pharmacy staff will answer the door. In the afternoon on Day 1 you will meet your preceptors, receive a general orientation to the hospital, department, area(s) of practice, and rotation expectations.

Where Do I Leave My Stuff?

The Pharmacy will be your home base during your practicum. A coat rack is available. Secure area for personal belongings is limited.

Where Can I Eat?

You are welcome to bring your lunch. There is a refrigerator available to store your lunch. A kettle, coffee maker and microwave are available. Lunches can be eaten in the hospital cafeteria. Food is available in the cafeteria including soups, sandwiches, salads, muffins, hot entrées, drinks, etc.

What Will My Hours Be?

As noted above, you start at 0745 h on your first day. After the first day, all rotations are Monday to Friday days beginning at 0800 h and ending at 1615 h. If you need to attend early morning rounds, you'll be given advance notice.

The Pharmacy

Pharmacists provide direct patient care to patients and residents who require chronic, rehabilitative, geriatric and/or palliative care. Pharmacists have a primary clinical assignment to a designated patient care team/unit.

Pharmacy assistants and technician aid delivery of pharmaceutical care through support of the computerized automated unit-dose (Pyxis) drug distribution system. They also support pharmacy purchasing, wardstock, and inventory control systems.

The Placement Sites

Pharmacy students and pharmacy technician students will have opportunities to look after a variety of patients within the facility. The emphasis is on drug therapy for pain and end-of-life symptoms, heart disease, respiratory disease, neurological disorders, and diseases of the elderly. Pharmacy students will perform medication reviews, monitor medication therapy, provide drug information, attend team rounds, perform patient interviews and do medication teaching. There are opportunities to work with nurses, physicians, social workers, physio- and occupational therapy, and pastoral care workers.