Some of Our Strengths

- **Size and Diversity**
  Our program is affiliated with a wide variety of health care organizations, spanning an array of health care entity types. While residents are hosted by a specific organization, program-wide learning activities allow residents to gain an appreciation of the similarities and differences of pharmacy practice across these organizations.

- **Preceptors**
  Our preceptors are excellent teachers and mentors, many of whom are graduates of this residency program. They have a tremendous amount of experience not only clinically, but in practice development and pharmacy services management. Many of our preceptors are recognized by peers locally and nationally as leaders in their areas of practice expertise.

- **Community-Campus Partnerships**
  Our program is truly based on community-campus partnerships. Centralized program administration frees up preceptors to do what they do best—practice and teach. Program-wide learning experiences enhance the learning that can be gained at a single organization. Residents have access to College of Pharmacy faculty with experience and expertise that augments that held by preceptors.

- **Progressive Practice Environment**
  We are pleased to host a program in a state where pharmacy practice is recognized as leading the way nationally. The University of Minnesota is ranked 3rd in College of pharmacy rankings. Minnesota’s State Medicaid program has been recognized for its innovative MTM payment program. Our pharmacy practice act has long allowed the flexibility of collaborative practice agreements. In short, when non-Minnesota residents join us, one of their frequent comments is, “Pharmacy practice is different here.” We are proud of the fact that this is always meant as a compliment!

- **Collegiality**
  We pride ourselves on supporting a culture that facilitates collegiality between residents, preceptors and program administrators. We learn together and play together. We anticipate that the professional and personal relationships that you develop over the course of your program will stay with you for the balance of your career.
Why Minnesota

- **We’re the land of 10,000 lakes!** Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles are just a few of the beautiful lakes that are connected with paths to run, walk, or bike on during the summer time.

- **Like sports?** The University of Minnesota is home to the Big 10 Golden Gopher athletics! Minneapolis/St. Paul is also home to NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL, and additional minor league teams. The MN Vikings stadium to be ready for the season opener in September 2016!

- **Like to shop?** Then stop by the world famous Mall of America, where literally hundreds of one-of-a-kind shops and entertainment are just waiting to be explored. Don’t forget to visit the nation’s largest indoor amusement park located right in the mall’s center, containing rides, games, and fun for the whole family.

- **Are you a winter sports fan?** Then look no further! Skiing, tubing, and ice skating are just a few of the options to be found with the multiple winter resorts near the Twin Cities. And don’t forget hockey!

- **The Minnesota State Fair** is a “can’t miss” attraction while living in Minnesota. Lasting two weeks in August, you can find anything you could possibly want to eat on a stick (including spaghetti and meat balls!), stunning sculptures made of butter, as well as popular bands performing from all around the country.

- In January, the city of St. Paul hosts the famous **Winter Carnival**, the “Coolest Celebration on Earth” since 1886! Winter activities include the Torchlight Parade, Snow Sculpting and ice carving contests, dogsled races, and many other community building activities.

- The Twin Cities has a **celebrated, vibrant arts community**, offering something for everyone, from the historic to the contemporary, including local art galleries and museums like the Walker Art Center, the Weisman Art Museum and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.