



# Critical Access Hospital Profile

## Spotlight on: Devils Lake, North Dakota

# Catholic Health Initiatives

# St. Alexius Health

# Devils Lake Hospital

### Quick Facts

**Administrator:**

Andrew Lankowicz, FACHE

**Chief of Medical Staff:**

Dr. Richard Johnson, M.D.

**Board Chair:** John W. Giese

**City Population:**

7,141 (2014 Estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**County Population:**

11,564 (2014 Estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**County Median Household Income:**

\$48,604 (2009–13 Estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**County Median Age:**

42.2 (2009–13 Estimate)<sup>1</sup>

**Service Area Population:**

15,000 (50 mile radius)

**Owned by:** Catholic Health Initiatives - Nonprofit

**Hospital Beds:** 25

**Trauma Level:** V

**Critical Access Hospital Designation:** 2007

**Economic Impact on the Community\***

**Jobs:**

Primary – 155  
Secondary – 89  
Total – 244

**Financial Impact:**

Primary – \$16 Million  
Secondary – \$8 Million  
Total – \$24 Million

### Mission

The mission of CHI St. Alexius Health Devils Lake Hospital is to nurture the healing ministry of the Church, supported by education and research. Fidelity to the Gospel urges us to emphasize human dignity and social justice as we create healthier communities.

### Core Values

RICE: Reverence, Integrity, Compassion, Excellence

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With state of the art technology and professional, caring staff, CHI St. Alexius Health Devils Lake Hospital provides “Quality Care, Close to Home” to serve the needs of the Lake Region Community.

CHI St. Alexius Health Devils Lake Hospital is an acute care, 25-bed critical access hospital accredited by The Joint Commission. CHI St. Alexius Health Devils Lake Hospital is sponsored by Catholic Health Initiatives, and is a member of the following organizations: Catholic Health Association, American Hospital Association, and the North Dakota Healthcare Association. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

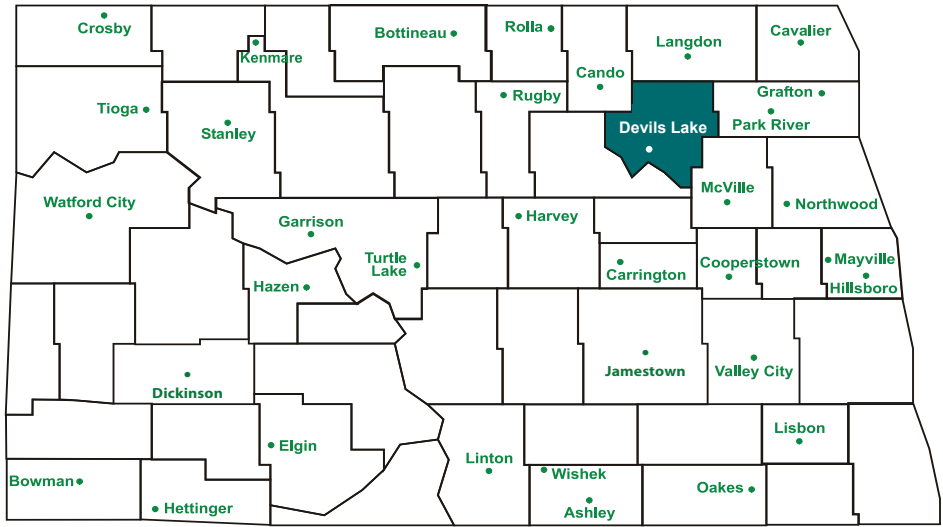
### Services

CHI St. Alexius Health Devils Lake Hospital provides the following services:

- **Surgical**
  - Ophthalmology
  - Ear, Nose, and Throat
  - Obstetrics
  - Podiatry
  - Endoscopy
  - General Surgery
- **Radiology**
  - Cardiac Imaging
  - Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
  - Computed Tomography Imaging (CAT)
  - Ultrasound Imaging
  - Vascular Imaging
- **Emergency Services**
- **Physical Therapy**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- **Speech Therapy**
- **Cardiac Rehabilitation**
- **Respiratory Therapy**
- **Laboratory Services**
- **Critical Care Unit**
- **Obstetrics Unit**
- **Medical/Surgical Unit**
- **Swingbed Unit**

*\* The impact of jobs and expenditures generated by the hospital within the community was estimated using payroll information and an economic multiplier of 1.5.*

## North Dakota Critical Access Hospitals



## History

The Sisters of Mercy arrived in North Dakota in 1884 from Omaha, Nebraska with the goal of starting a school for Indian children in Belcourt. In 1895, Rev. Vincent Wehrle, O.S.B., asked the Sisters to come to Devils Lake to start a hospital. The Sisters first hospital was called St. Vincent DePaul Hospital. It was soon known that the facility was too small to meet the needs of the community and 80 acres of land was purchased on the edge of town. The cornerstone for Mercy Hospital was laid in June 1902. Mercy Hospital has been on this land since that time. In April of 2016, CHI Mercy Hospital joined other CHI facilities in Carrington, Dickinson, Williston, Bismarck, Turtle Lake and Garrison to form CHI St. Alexius Health, the region’s largest health care system.

## Economy, Education and Recreation

Devils Lake is a vibrant community with a diverse economic base. Major industries include: manufacturing, retail, banking, education, healthcare, agriculture, and tourism. Educational opportunities include one parochial and three public grade schools, a middle school, high school, a vocational center, Lake Region State College, and the North Dakota School for the Deaf. More than 350 miles of lakeshore and four state parks provide exceptional Summer and Winter outdoor activities, including fishing, ice fishing, hunting, golf, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, ice skating, hockey and much more. There is an active arts council that provides many enjoyable activities such as the Fort Totten Little Theater.

## Staffing

Physicians: .....	4
Nurse Anesthetists: .....	2
PAs: .....	2
RNs: .....	59
LPNs: .....	13
Ancillary Personnel: .....	75
Total Employees: .....	155

## Local Sponsors and Grant Funding Sources

- Center for Rural Health
  - SHIP Grant (Small Hospital Improvement Program)
  - Flex Grant (Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program)
- Department of Justice Grant
- Helmsley Charitable Trust
- Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Grant

## Sources

<sup>1</sup> US Census Bureau; American Factfinder; Community Facts



Center for Rural Health

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