

Meet the Residency Director:



Tyson Kubena, PharmD

Dr. Kubena is from West Texas and graduated from Texas Tech Pharmacy School. As Clinical Coordinator, he oversees clinical pharmacy programs, pharmacy students, and residents.

PGY-1 Residents (2016-2017):

Cynthia Bartha, PharmD

Dr. Bartha is originally from Chicago, Illinois. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from South Dakota State University in May of 2016. Her clinical interests include pain management, anticoagulation, and chronic disease state management.



Mertessa Espejo, PharmD

Dr. Espejo is originally from Sacramento, California. She received her bachelor's degree from California State University in Psychology and earned her Pharm.D. from the University of Colorado, Denver. Her clinical interests include chronic disease state management and pharmacy management.



HOW TO APPLY

MUST have U.S. citizenship and Pharm.D. degree from an accredited School of Pharmacy

The following application materials should be uploaded to PhORCAS:

- Three letters of recommendation
- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Pharmacy School Transcripts

Deadline: 01/08/17

Code: 74062

NMS Code: 233913

Please see ASHP website:

<https://accred.ashp.org/aps/pages/directory/residencyProgramInformation.aspx?ID=213061>

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WEST TEXAS VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

PGY-1 RESIDENCY PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION:

The George H. O'Brien, Jr. Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Big Spring, TX is the core of the West Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care System (WTVAHCS), collectively serving more than 17,000 veterans throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Clinical pharmacists have the ability to connect with patients across 53,000 square miles of service area through state-of-the-art Telehealth Technology, streaming live to veterans at one of six Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC's) and through our expanding Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC) program. Likewise, comprehensive residential care pharmacy services are provided for veterans admitted to the 40-bed Community Living Center (CLC) including a well-equipped dispensing pharmacy on station.



PURPOSE:

The PGY1 pharmacy residency program at West Texas Veterans Affairs Health Care System (WTVAHCS) will prepare 2 pharmacy residents to function as clinicians, providing advanced patient care services in an ambulatory care setting, become eligible to pursue second year postgraduate training in a focused area of practice, and obtain the necessary qualifications to gain board certification. WTVAHCS is a rural access health care system that serves Veterans, and provides the unique ability to engage each resident in ambulatory and geriatric patient care, project and practice management.

CORE ROTATIONS:

- Orientation
- Multiple Disease State Management (PACT) I/II
- Anticoagulation Clinic
- Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (Domiciliary)
- Home-Based Primary Care
- Geriatrics
- Management

Longitudinal

Weekday Staffing
Residency Research Project

ELECTIVES (but not limited to):

- Resident-Driven PACT Extension
- Antimicrobial Stewardship/HepC
- Nutrition/MOVE program
- Pain Management
- Mental Health
- Urgent Care
- Off-site rotation: Adult Medicine



PAY & BENEFITS:

- Competitive stipend
- 13 days vacation and sick leave
- 10 Federal holidays
- Health, life, vision, dental insurance
- 2 lab coats with laundry service
- Free parking
- TSHP ALCALDE Residency Conference



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