South Texas Veterans Health Care System

PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency



Program

This comprehensive clinical pharmacy training program is ASHP-accredited and designed to develop autonomous geriatric clinical pharmacist practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge into the provision of advanced patient care. Residents who successfully complete this program are prepared for board certification, advanced practice settings, academia, or other specialized careers. Intended outcomes of the program include: function as an integral member of the interdisciplinary treatment team; provide comprehensive medication management to complex patients in a variety of care settings; serve as an educator for patients, caregivers, health care providers, and trainees; exhibit professional leadership and management skills; display self-motivation for professional and personal growth as an independent practitioner; and demonstrate the ability to proactively identify and meet opportunities available in the provision of pharmaceutical care to our aging population.



Affiliations

- San Antonio Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center (GRECC)
- University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy and UT Health San Antonio

Health System

- Facilities include Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital, Kerrville VA Medical Center, and numerous community-based clinics
- More than 100,000 veterans served throughout San Antonio and the surrounding region
- Primary, specialty, surgical, rehabilitative, acute, and long-term care services
- Diverse team of more than 100 clinical pharmacist practitioners in various specialties, including 18 in geriatrics
- Over 4,000 health professional trainees annually across multiple disciplines including PGY1 (3) and PGY2 (10) pharmacy residents
- Collaborative, collegial, and supportive environment with access to an extensive network of federal pharmacists and residents





Learning Experiences

- Core (9 blocks, 4 weeks each)
 - Community Living Center
 - Medication Education at Discharge
 - Home Based Primary Care
 - Acute Care/Internal Medicine
 - Geriatric Primary Care
 - ° Hospital in Home
 - Hospice
 - Palliative Care Consult Service
- Longitudinal (one afternoon per week)
 - Geriatric Primary Care

Requirements

- Research or quality improvement project
- Medication use evaluation
- VA pharmacy grand rounds
- UT pharmacotherapy rounds
- UT pharmacotherapy seminar
- Interdisciplinary geriatric and palliative care didactics and journal club
- Drug information responses
- VA pharmacy newsletter and in-service
- VA adverse drug event reporting
- Committee participation
- Duty hours and emphasis areas tracking
- More based on interest/availability

Contact Information

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- Elective (4 blocks, 4 weeks each)
 - Anticoagulation Clinic
 - Antimicrobial Stewardship
 - Cardiology Inpatient
 - Psychiatry Inpatient
 - Psychiatry Outpatient
 - Spinal Cord Injury
 - Whole Health
 - More based on interest/availability



Benefits

- Competitive stipend and health benefits
- Paid holidays, vacation, and sick leave
- Professional meeting support
- Free parking and telework opportunities
- No staffing requirement

Qualifications

- U.S. citizenship and pharmacist licensure
- PharmD from ACPE-accredited college
- Successful completion of an ASHP-accredited PGY1 pharmacy residency program

Submit your application through PhORCAS by the deadline: January 2nd

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