

SOUTH TEXAS VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM - PGY1 PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

San Antonio, TX

About Us

The South Texas Veterans Health Care System (STVHCS) is comprised of two inpatient campuses: the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital in San Antonio, TX and the Kerrville VA Hospital in Kerrville, TX. STVHCS provides health care services for over 100,000 Veterans. The Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital (ALMMVH) is a quaternary care facility affiliated with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA). Comprehensive health care is provided through acute medical, surgical, mental health, physical medicine and rehabilitation, geriatric, and primary care services in addition to care provided in the Spinal Cord Injury Center, Community Living Center (CLC), Domiciliary, and Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (SARRTP). As a Level II Research facility, ALMMVH has projects that include aging, cardiac surgery, cancer, diabetes, and HIV. The facility has one of three National Institutes of Health sponsored clinical research centers in the VA. In addition, the Geriatric Research, Education & Clinical Center (GRECC) is a "Center of Excellence." The Pharmacy Service offers 24-hour coverage, centralized unit-dose drug distribution, a complete IV-admixture program, and clinical services across many specialties and levels of care. Outpatient pharmacies are also located in some clinics and operate during clinic business hours. The Clinical Pharmacy Program employs over 110 clinical pharmacy specialists.

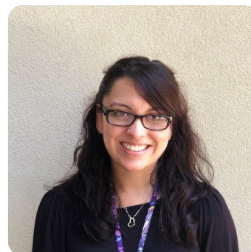
The STVHCS offers:

- PGY1 Pharmacy Residency: 3 positions available
- Clinical instructor appointment with UT Austin College of Pharmacy
- Opportunities in both didactic and experiential instruction with local pharmacy residents, master's students, and students from UT Austin and UIW
- Opportunities for PGY-2 in the following specialties:
 - Ambulatory Care
 - Geriatrics
 - Infectious Disease
 - Internal Medicine
 - Oncology
 - Pain and Palliative Care
 - Psychiatry

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Application Requirements

Please submit your application through PhORCAS (NMS Code 119613) and include the following:

- Letter of intent, curriculum vitae, three (3) letters of recommendation, academic transcripts
- Supplemental Application Questions

Application Deadline: January 2, 2024

Qualifications:

- United States citizenship
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE-accredited institution
- Eligible to practice pharmacy in at least one state-licensure in TX is required for off-site elective rotations

Required Learning Experiences

<u>Rotation</u>	<u>Duration</u>
General Orientation	June/July
Inpatient/Outpatient Pharmacy Orientation	2-3 weeks each
Practice Management and Scholarly Activities	Longitudinal, February is concentrated block
Geriatrics - CLC or HBPC	4 weeks
Internal Medicine I and II	4 weeks each
Critical Care - MICU or SICU	4 weeks
Primary Care	4 weeks and longitudinal
Outpatient Psychiatry	4 weeks

Elective Learning Experiences

- Three blocks: at least 1 Acute Care and 1 Ambulatory Care
- Availability of electives may vary year to year pending preceptor availability

<u>Acute Care</u>	<u>Ambulatory Care</u>
Geriatrics - Community Living Center (CLC)	Geriatric Primary Care - GeriPACT
Infectious Disease Consult Service	Geriatrics - Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
Inpatient Antimicrobial Stewardship	Oncology/Chemo Clinic
Inpatient Cardiology/CCU	Outpatient Psychiatry
Emergency Medicine (ED)	Pain Management
Internal Medicine	Primary Care - Patient Aligned Care Team
Medical or Surgical ICU (MICU/SICU)	Substance Use Disorders
Transitions of Care (GMED)	Whole Health
	Outpatient Cardiology



Mission

The South Texas Veterans Health Care System Pharmacy Residency Programs promote a diverse, equitable, and inclusive residency service through thoughtful residency recruitment, ongoing education and training for those involved in the residency programs, while honoring the VA mission of delivering services to our Nation's Veterans, their families, and beneficiaries.

Vision

The South Texas Veterans Health Care System Pharmacy Residency Programs uphold a vision to become a residency program and pharmacy department of choice for prospective and practicing pharmacists while developing and maintaining a firm commitment to being intentionally inclusive. We seek to become a program that consistently prepares its trainees and staff to effectively and equitably serve a diverse patient population reflective of our Veterans and Nation as a whole.

Values

Our pharmacy residency programs adhere to and advance the Department of Veterans Affairs' core values of Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence (I CARE).

Goals

To fulfill the Mission and Vision, the South Texas VA Pharmacy Residency Programs will pursue the following strategic goals which will be reviewed on an annual basis as a part of the comprehensive residency program review:

- **Residency Recruitment:** ensuring our recruitment efforts are inclusive, both for prospective residents and preceptors
- **Continuous Education and Advocacy:** ensuring we continuously address biases and ensure our residents and staff are prepared to meet the diverse needs of the patients they will serve today and in the future
- **Resource Awareness:** ensure that appropriate DEI resources and references are available to our pharmacy service and trainees



Projects and Presentations

STVHCS:

- One research/quality improvement (QI) project (Poster Presentation at the University of Texas Celebrating Research Day)
- One medication usage evaluation (MUE) project
- One practice management project
- Committee assignment and participation in P&T meetings
- Six formal drug information responses (DIQs)
- Pharmacy Newsletter (participation in one of four quarterly issues)
- One in-service presentation to clinical pharmacists
- Monthly Adverse Drug Event reporting

UTHSCA:

- Pharmacotherapy Rounds Presentation
- Pharmacotherapy Seminar Topic Discussion
- Teaching and Leadership Fellows Program for Residents (optional)

Staffing

- Evening staffing (4:30 - 8:30 pm): four hours per week of inpatient pharmacy and outpatient discharges
- Sunday discharge counseling (8:30 am - 5:00 pm): rotating schedule
- Weekend clinical pager coverage (8:00 am - 5:00 pm): rotating schedule

Additional Information

- National VA Wellness Portal and psychologist available to all residents
- Mentor-Mentee program with monthly check-ins
- Leadership opportunities: Chief Resident, Editor-in-Chief, and Social Chair positions available
- Committee Involvement Opportunities

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***Supplemental Application
Questions***

Please answer the following questions and upload to PhORCAS. Your responses are required as part of your application and must be received by the application deadline. We look forward to reviewing your responses.

Name

School of Pharmacy:

1. What has been your most impactful IPPE or APPE to date, and why?

2. Describe the characteristics your residency program director and residency preceptors would possess in your ideal PGY1 residency program. How would these characteristics best complement your preferred learning style?