

South Texas Veterans Health Care System

PGY2 Internal Medicine Pharmacy Residency



Our Program

PGY2 residency programs build upon Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency training to develop pharmacist practitioners with knowledge, skills, and abilities as defined in the educational competency areas, goals, and objectives for advanced practice areas. Residents who successfully complete PGY2 residency programs are prepared for advanced patient care or other specialized positions, and board certification in the advanced practice area, if available.

The South Texas Veterans Health Care System (STVHCS) PGY2 Internal Medicine Pharmacy Residency was initially accredited by ASHP in 2014 and is designed to provide a challenging training opportunity for individuals desiring to develop clinical competency in the area of Internal Medicine. The 12-month training period incorporates a heavy emphasis on inpatient acute care rotations with a longitudinal ambulatory care rotation, enabling graduates of the program to be competent in both inpatient and outpatient practice settings.

This residency allows for ample teaching opportunities, both didactic and preceptorship, as well as a formal teaching certificate program. At the completion of this year-long training program, the resident is qualified for positions in clinical pharmacy and academia as clinical faculty. This program was started in 2012, and has a history of many successful graduates who have accepted clinical pharmacy specialist positions at both VA and non-VA hospitals in a variety of specialties, including Internal Medicine, Antimicrobial Stewardship, Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Cardiology, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology, Neurology, Ambulatory Care, Academic Detailing, and university faculty.

Quick Facts:

- A 484-bed health care system
- Supports a 132-bed Community Living Center (CLC), 30-bed Spinal Cord Injury Unit, 23 rehabilitation beds, and a Geriatric Research/Education/and Clinical Center (GRECC)
- Over 100 Clinical Pharmacy Specialists in a variety of clinical areas
- PGY1 and 6 PGY2 residencies (10-12 residents per year)



Accredited

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Office of Academic Affiliations

Affiliation

- Opportunity to complete rotations at University Hospital, the affiliated county teaching hospital (Texas licensure required)
- Opportunity to be appointed as a Clinical Instructor with the University of Texas at Austin and UT Health in San Antonio



UT Health
San Antonio

STVHCS Pharmacy Residency Programs – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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.

This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

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

Curriculum

- Orientation (1 month)
- Internal Medicine Rotations 1 - 4 (4 months)
- Cardiology (1 month)
- Medical ICU (1 month)
- Surgical ICU (1 month)
- Geriatric Medication Education (1 month)
- Research/Practice Management - longitudinal with focused research month
- Geriatric Ambulatory Care - longitudinal
- Staffing experience in inpatient pharmacy/IV room, discharge counseling, on-call service
- Electives (2 months) - **other elective learning experiences may be developed based on resident interest and preceptor availability*
 - Inpatient Medicine (University Hospital), Infectious Disease Consults, Cardiology Heart Failure Clinic, Inpatient Cardiology (University Hospital)

Benefits

- Competitive salary
- 13 vacation days
- 13 sick days
- 11 paid federal holidays
- Health insurance available
- Opportunity to participate in Veterans Health Administration national-level activities



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For more information regarding the PGY2 IM Pharmacy Residency, please visit <https://pharmacy.utexas.edu/programs/residencies/pgy2/south-texas-veterans-internal-medicine>