Meet the Residency Director:

Tyson Kubena

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):

Kelly Hang

Dr. Hang is from Lake Charles, Louisiana. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Texas College of Pharmacy in Austin, Texas. Her clinical interests include chronic disease state management and pain management. She enjoys traveling, trying new foods, playing with her cat, and watching Asian dramas and variety shows. After residency, she plans to pursue a clinical pharmacy position in an ambulatory care setting.

Jessica Merlo

Dr. Merlo is from St. Louis, Missouri and received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 2017. Her clinical interests include pain management, chronic disease state management, and academia. She enjoys traveling, watching Netflix, and trying new foods. After residency, she plans to pursue a PGY2 in ambulatory care and academia.

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: 01/12/18
Code: 74062
NMS Code: 233913

Please see ASHP website:

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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
- 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
- Conferences:
  - ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
  - TSHP ALCALDE Residency Conference