

Location

VA Texas Valley Coastal Bend Healthcare System (VATVCBHCS)

Since 2010, VATVCBHCS has been providing services in the 20 counties in far south Texas referred to colloquially as "The Valley." The healthcare system encompasses the Laredo, McAllen, Harlingen, and Corpus Christi clinics.



Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi is the 8th most populous city in Texas. Because of its relatively small size, it feels like a small town with all the conveniences and activities of a big city. Located on the Gulf of Mexico, Corpus has a humid subtropical climate, with mild winters, hot summers, and high winds year round. There are many activities to enjoy in the city and in the Gulf, including, but not limited to, Padre Island National Seashore, the Texas State Aquarium, Whataburger Field (Home of the Hooks), and the USS Lexington.

Application

All application materials should be submitted through ASHP PhORCAS.

- NMS code: **229313**
- US citizenship
- Three letters of reference
- Personal statement
- Curriculum vitae
- Official pharmacy school transcript

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PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency

VA Texas Valley Coastal Bend Healthcare System



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration

Program

Our residency is a 12 month, full-time program that provides two residents an intensive experience in delivering comprehensive pharmaceutical care—with expanded offerings on mental health services—to the Veteran population in South Texas. The residents will complete their training at Corpus Christi VA Outpatient Clinic and Corpus Christi Specialty Clinic, which are located near each other in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Purpose

The purpose of the residency program is to prepare the pharmacist clinician to obtain a position as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, or to continue residency training as a PGY-2 resident in a focused area of practice.

Benefits

- Annual stipend est. \$41,538
- Annual and sick leave
- Federal holidays
- Medical insurance
- Tuition/travel reimbursement for approved professional meetings:
 - ASHP Midyear Meeting
 - CPNP Annual Meeting

Required

(1 month)

- Mental Health
 - Specialty Mental Health
 - Primary Care Mental Health Integration
- Ambulatory Care
- Anticoagulation
- Practice Management (2 weeks)
- Transitions of Care
- Outpatient Staffing

Electives

(1 month)

- General Medicine *
- Advanced Ambulatory Care
- Advanced Practice Management
- Home Based Primary Care/Geriatrics
- Pain Management

Longitudinal

(12 month)

- Primary Care Mental Health Clinic (6 months)
- Teaching and Learning Certificate
- Project Management
- Pharmacotherapy Discussion Series
- Education and Professional Development
- Practice Management

*non-VA site

- VA has a fully comprehensive electronic medical record
- Resident will work under their pharmacy preceptors' scopes of practice and prescriptive authority
- 70% of pharmacists at VCB have board certification in pharmacotherapy, ambulatory care, psychiatry, or a combination
- Medication Therapy Management clinics provide residents the opportunity to independently initiate, adjust, and monitor patient drug regimens
- Longitudinal rotations allow residents to recognize the benefits of continuity of care and achieve increasing independence
- Teaching and presentations, including clinical in-services, case presentations, journal club discussions, and patient education sessions utilize both in person and online media platforms preparing resident for a variety of challenges
- Inpatient offerings with local hospitals
- PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency also offered with VA Valley Coastal Bend HCS
- Affiliated with University of Texas in Austin
- Teaching experiences available at both UT Austin and Texas A&M in Kingsville, TX



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