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

Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment.

Application deadline: January 3rd, 2022

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Attending ASHP Midyear Residency Showcase
Texas A&M Residency Booth, #4546
December 6th, 2:00-5:00pm CST

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.
**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 build on PharmD education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacist responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions. After completion residents will be eligible for board certification and postgraduate year two pharmacy residency training.

**Benefits**

- Annual stipend est. $41,742
- Annual and sick leave
- Federal holidays
- Medical insurance
- Tuition/travel reimbursement for approved professional meetings:
  - ASHP Midyear Meeting
  - CPNP Annual Meeting

**About us**

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<td><strong>Required</strong></td>
<td>• VA has a fully comprehensive electronic medical record</td>
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<td>(1 month unless stated otherwise)</td>
<td>• Residents work under pharmacy preceptors with diverse backgrounds, scopes of practice, and prescriptive authority</td>
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<td>• Mental Health</td>
<td>• 8 of 9 preceptors at VCB have board certification in pharmacotherapy, ambulatory care, psychiatry, or a combination</td>
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<td>• Outpatient Mental Health</td>
<td>• Medication Therapy Management clinics provide residents the opportunity to independently initiate, adjust, and monitor patient drug regimens</td>
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<td>• Primary Care Mental Health Integration</td>
<td>• Longitudinal rotations allow residents to recognize the benefits of continuity of care, assess effectiveness of previous interventions, and achieve increasing independence</td>
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<td>• Ambulatory Care — 6 weeks</td>
<td>• Teaching and presentations including clinical in-services, case presentations, journal clubs, and patient education sessions utilize both in person and online media platforms, promoting well rounded presentation skills</td>
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<td>• Anticoagulation</td>
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<td>• Practice Management</td>
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<td>• Outpatient Staffing</td>
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**Electives**

(1 month)

- Advanced Ambulatory Care
- Advanced Outpatient Mental Health
- Advanced Practice Management
- General Medicine *
- Home Based Primary Care/Geriatrics
- Oncology
- Pain Management
- Special Populations

**Longitudinal**

- 6 Month Learning Experiences
  - Primary Care Mental Health Clinic
  - Practice Management
- 12 Month Learning Experiences
  - Teaching and Learning Certificate
  - Project Management
  - Pharmacotherapy Discussion Series

*non-VA site