Qualifications

All applicants must be United States citizens, must be licensed pharmacists or eligible for licensure in Texas and must possess a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from a school or college of pharmacy accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. If not already licensed, residents are required to obtain a pharmacist’s license within 90 days of start of program.

Applicants must be in good physical and mental health and of good moral character and personality. They must possess the unique aptitude, initiative, and motivation to practice clinical pharmacy, especially regarding direct patient care. Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment.

Application

All application materials should be submitted through ASHP PhORCAS.

- Due date: January 4, 2019
- NMS code: 229313
- Interview Date: February 15, 2019
- Three letters of reference
- Personal statement
- Curriculum vitae
- Official pharmacy school transcript
- Availability for on-site interview

Email our Residency Director for more information:

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Onsite interviews will take place in Corpus Christi, Texas.

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

Program 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.

Resident benefits

- Annual stipend est. $41,000
- Annual and sick leave
- Federal holidays
- Medical insurance
- Tuition/travel reimbursement for approved professional meetings
  - ASHP Midyear Meeting
  - CPNP Annual Meeting
- VA has a fully comprehensive electronic medical record
- Residents work under their pharmacy preceptors’ scopes of practice and prescriptive authority
- 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
- Residents gain experience in clinical and didactic teaching to pharmacy students
- Teaching and presentations, including clinical in-services, case presentations, journal club discussions, and patient education sessions
- Inpatient offerings with local hospitals
- PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency also offered with VA Valley Coastal Bend Health Care System

Required Rotations

- Mental Health
  - Specialty Mental Health
  - Primary Care Mental Health
- Ambulatory Care
- General Medicine *
- Anticoagulation
- Practice Management
- Transitions of Care
- Outpatient Staffing

Elective Rotations

- Infectious Diseases
- Informatics/ADPAC
- Advanced Ambulatory Care
- Advanced Practice Management
- Home Based Primary Care/Geriatrics
- Emergency Medicine *
- Critical Care *
- Pain Management
- Academia

Longitudinal Experience

- Mental Health Clinic
- Teaching
- Research/Quality Improvement
- Pharmacotherapy Discussion Series
- University of Texas Resident Rounds
*non-VA site

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