**APPLICATION**

**QUALIFICATIONS**
- United States citizenship
- Graduated from an ACPE accredited school of pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree
- Possess a valid US pharmacist license
- Complete a first-year pharmacy practice residency or equivalent experience

**APPLICATION**
- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three (3) professional letters of reference
- OF 306 – Declaration for Federal Employment
- Application for Health Professions Trainees
- Official College of Pharmacy Transcript(s)

All application and supplemental materials should be submitted via the PhorCAS system: [http://www.ashp.org/phorcas](http://www.ashp.org/phorcas)

**Application must be submitted by: February 10th, 2017**

candidates will be ranked according to the National Match Program. This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant. Information about registering for the Match can be found at: [www.natmatch.com/ashprmp](http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp)

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For more information about the PGY2 Pharmacy Outcomes & Healthcare Analytics residency please contact:

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“To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan.”

-Abraham Lincoln

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**PGY2 PHARMACY OUTCOMES & HEALTHCARE ANALYTICS**

[VA Heart of Texas Health Care Network](https://vaoh.org/)
Keeping Veterans at the HEART of it all
### BENEFITS

- Competitive stipend ($44,522)
- Eligible for medical and life insurance as a VA employee
- Thirteen days of annual leave
- Thirteen days of sick leave
- Ten paid federal holidays
- Tuition & travel to ASHP MCM and Texas ALCALDE Regional Pharmacy Conference

## VISN 17 PBM HISTORY

The Heart of Texas Healthcare Network employs a team of ten unique pharmacy leaders who, along with the Pharmacy Executive, provide a dynamic and challenging environment with the goal of assuring that our 400,000 Texas Veterans receive the best care anywhere. We provide comprehensive consultative service and custom data analytics to the seven facilities we serve. We focus on building strong and effective teams of pharmacists and prescribers, supporting and encouraging evidence-based prescribing.

Our approach involves prioritizing key performance indicators and accepting the most difficult and controversial challenges. We have created important initiatives with clear documented success in areas such as off-label atypical antipsychotics, over-prescribing of androgens, and high-risk opioid prescribing. We are looking for applicants who have a systems point of view and a drive to become leaders in a deeply complex environment.

### VISN 17 PBM RESIDENCY FAMILY

- **Monal Punjabi '17**
  "This experience has changed the way I look at data and allows me to serve our Veterans. My mentors have fantastically unique personalities, areas of expertise, and special types of wisdom to share. I could not have asked for a better program."

- **Natalie Savona '17**
  "I love the work I get to do here. Learning and using my new skills in healthcare analytics to effect positive change for our country’s Veterans is exhilarating."

Carson Bechtold ‘16  
VISN 17 Academic Detailing Program Manager  
Andrew Himsel ‘16  
VISN 17 HCV Transformation Clinical Pharmacist  
David Andrew Jacob ‘15  
VISN 17 Clinical Informatics Program Manager  
Ingrid Svihla ‘15  
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist  
DoD/DHA Pharmacy Operations Division

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

In 2008 the VISN 17 Pharmacy Executive created a centralized taskforce of clinical pharmacy specialists to promote and support the implementation of best pharmacotherapy care practices, safety initiatives, and cost-conscious prescribing. Our department has a track record of achievement, in large part, due to our ability to identify opportunity, envision a path to success, and negotiate for change at all levels of the healthcare system. In 2012 we recognized that there was a demand in the healthcare industry for individuals who had skills in four distinct spheres:

- Data Analysis
- Change Management
- Clinical Pharmacy
- Organizational Acumen

We also recognized that our department could serve as a training ground not only to develop skill in each of these areas, but to practice application at the patient, provider, facility, and health-system levels of our organization. In short, we created this program to make the next generation of the VA’s pharmacy leaders.

Ian W. Pace, PharmD, BCPS  
Residency Program Director

**Positions Available:** Two (2) PGY2  
Residents National Match ID#: 691481

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**Map of Texas Highlighting VA Locations**

- Amarillo
- Big Spring
- Central Texas HCS
- North Texas HCS
- South Texas HCS
- Valley Coastal Bend HCS
- El Paso
- San Angelo
- Temple
- West Texas HCS

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