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
- Two samples of written work (DI question or journal club)

Deadline: 01/03/20
Code: 74062
NMS Code: 233913
Website: https://www.bigspring.va.gov/Pharmacy/Pharmacy.asp

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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 (2018-2019):

Dennia Ernest
Dr. Ernest is from Mon Repos, Saint Lucia. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in Athens, Georgia. Her clinical interests include chronic disease state management and nutrition. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, traveling, and trying new foods. After residency, she plans to pursue a clinical pharmacy position in an ambulatory care setting.
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Candace Searcy
Dr. Searcy is from Odessa, Texas. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Pharmacy in 2019. Her clinical interests include chronic disease state management, anticoagulation and women’s health. She enjoys spending time with her husband and dogs, going to the mountains in New Mexico, and relaxing with a good book. She plans to pursue a clinical pharmacy position in an ambulatory care setting.
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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 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
- Mental Health/Pain Management
- Home-Based Primary Care
- Geriatrics
- Management

Longitudinal
Weekday Staffing
Residency Research Project

ELECTIVES (but not limited to):
- Resident-Driven PACT Extension
- Antimicrobial Stewardship/HepC
- 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