

## 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 VA 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

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



## PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency

### VA Texas Valley Coastal Bend Healthcare System



**VA**



**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**  
Veterans Health Administration

## About us

### 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 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

## Learning Experiences

### Required

(1 month unless stated otherwise)

- Mental Health
  - Outpatient Mental Health
  - Primary Care Mental Health Integration
- Ambulatory Care — 6 weeks
- Anticoagulation
- Practice Management
- Outpatient Staffing

### 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

## Practice Site Advantages

- VA has a fully comprehensive electronic medical record
- Residents work under pharmacy preceptors with diverse backgrounds, scopes of practice, and prescriptive authority
- 8 of 9 preceptors 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, assess effectiveness of previous interventions, and achieve increasing independence
- 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
- Inpatient offerings with local hospitals
- PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency also offered with VA Valley Coastal Bend HCS
- Affiliated with Texas A&M College of Pharmacy
- Teaching experiences and certificate program available through Texas A&M in Kingsville, TX

