

Welcome to the VA North Texas Health Care System Pharmacy Residency Programs



VA North Texas serves over 130,000 Veterans in 38 counties in Texas surrounding the Dallas metroplex area and two counties in southern Oklahoma. VA North Texas is a 1A complexity and is the second largest VA health care system in the country. The main campus is located in Dallas and additional campuses are located in Bonham, Fort Worth, Plano, and Garland as well as community-based outpatient clinics in Grand Prairie, Denton, Decatur, Sherman, Greeneville, Tyler, Granbury.

VA North Texas provides comprehensive health services through primary, tertiary and long-term care in many areas, including medicine, surgery, mental health and rehabilitation. The 775-bed system includes Spinal Cord Injury Center, Domiciliary and Community Living Center with dedicated hospice and dementia units. A Fisher House on campus at Dallas VA Medical Center provides no-cost temporary lodging in a home-like setting for families of Veterans or active-duty military personnel receiving VA care. A Polytrauma Suite provides specialized treatments and therapies for traumatic brain injury and other combat-associated conditions, and a dedicated Mammography Suite provides OB-GYN and imaging services in a private spa-like environment for female Veterans.

Pharmacy Department

The Pharmacy department at VA North Texas is comprised of a diverse group of over 275 pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, administrative, and technical staff dedicated to meeting the needs of Veterans.

Our **mission** is to provide high quality, Veteran centered pharmaceutical care...ALWAYS.

Our **vision** is to be recognized as a department of excellence by providing state of the art pharmacy services that exceeds the needs of those we serve.

We currently have over 80 staff supporting our clinical pharmacy section – made up of clinical pharmacy specialists, clinical pharmacists, and clinical pharmacy technicians. Our clinicians serve in pharmacy practice roles across all settings and levels of care; including Emergency Room, Internal Medicine, Critical Care, Surgery, Transitions of Care, Long Term Care, Spinal Cord Injury, Primary Care, Anticoagulation, Home Based Primary Care, Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health, Hematology-Oncology, Infectious Disease, and Pain Management.

Residency Programs Overview

VA North Texas has a rich tradition of supporting residency programs with over 160 residency graduates across all our programs.

VA North Texas HCS has offered a PGY1 pharmacy residency since 1996. Our program offers a diverse range of learning experiences to prepare the resident for additional PGY2 residency training or entry level clinical practice positions. The program offers a wide range of rotation experiences to develop the resident into a well-rounded, patient centered pharmacy clinician. The program is tailored to the individual needs of each resident with an emphasis on personal, professional, and leadership development.

We also offer a PGY2 pharmacy residency in Ambulatory Care and Mental Health. These programs have been in place since 2006 and 2014, respectively. Residents who complete PGY2 training in either program are prepared to enter into advanced clinical practice positions and/or academia.

Our dedicated residency program directors, residency coordinators, and residency preceptors are dedicated and invested in providing mentorship and training for didactic and personal development of residents.

Our residents are also afforded the opportunity to complete didactic teaching opportunities and a clinician-educator residency teaching certificate program through a partnership with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC). The major goal of the training program is to supplement a strong clinical background with the skills needed to become a successful educator. The program includes didactic and web-based teaching models, mentored facilitator training for small group problem-based learning, and precepting of third and/or fourth-year Doctor of Pharmacy students. Residents also receive instruction in grant-writing, statistical analysis, and clinical trial design; submit a project proposal to the institutional review board; and collect, interpret, and publish their results. Additional activities are provided to enhance discovery, integration, and writing skills.

Information for Applicants

Minimum Applicant Qualification Requirements

- Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree from an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) accredited School of Pharmacy
- Minimum pharmacy school GPA or 3.2 or equivalent. At this time applicants from pass/fail curriculums are not eligible for consideration
- Hold an active pharmacist license or be eligible for licensure in at least one state or territory of the United States (U.S.) of America or District of Columbia
- U.S. citizenship
- Applicants to any PGY2 residency must have completed a PGY1 residency

Completed applications must be submitted via PhORCAS by 11:59 pm on **Sunday, January 2, 2022**.

- For consideration required documents uploaded must include: three (3) clinical letters of reference (2 of which must be from clinical preceptors), a letter of intent, curriculum vitae (CV), and an official copy of pharmacy school transcripts
- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, resident interviews for 2021-2022 application cycle will be conducted virtually

- Candidates will be ranked, and positions filled by submission through National Matching Service (NMS). NMS codes are as follows: PGY1 Pharmacy (182313); PGY2 Ambulatory Care (581965); PGY2 Mental Health (688866)

For additional information about each our residency programs, please visit our attached links and contact and below.

Learn more about the [PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program.pdf](#)



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