

## South Texas Veterans Health Care System – San Antonio, Texas PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program

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### **South Texas Veterans Health Care System**

South Texas Veterans Health Care System (STVHCS) is comprised of two inpatient campuses: the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital in San Antonio and the Kerrville VA Hospital in Kerrville, Texas. STVHCS is part of the VA Heart of Texas Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN 17). South Texas provides health care services for 80,000 unique Veterans. The Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital (ALMMVH) is a quaternary care facility affiliated with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA). Comprehensive health care is provided through acute medical, surgical, mental health, physical medicine and rehabilitation, geriatric, and primary care services in addition to care provided in the Spinal Cord Injury Center, Community Living Center, Domiciliary, and Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (SARRTP). As a Level II Research facility, ALMMVH has projects that include aging, cardiac surgery, cancer, diabetes, and HIV. The facility has one of three National Institutes of Health sponsored clinical research centers in the VA. In addition, the Geriatric Research, Education & Clinical Center (GRECC) is a “Center of Excellence.” (<https://www.southtexas.va.gov/about/index.asp>)

The Pharmacy Service offers 24-hour coverage, centralized unit-dose drug distribution, a complete IV-admixture program, and clinical services across many specialties and levels of care. Outpatient pharmacies are also located in some clinics and operate during clinic business hours. The Clinical Pharmacy Program employs over 70 clinical pharmacy specialists. In addition to three postgraduate year one (PGY1) residency positions, our facility offers ten postgraduate year two (PGY2) residency positions in ambulatory care, geriatrics, infectious disease, internal medicine, oncology, pain and palliative care, and psychiatry. Our residents are appointed as Clinical Instructors with The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy and have opportunities in both didactic and experiential instruction. VA residents also have the opportunity to work with other local pharmacy residents and masters’ students from the University of Texas.

### **STVHCS Pharmacy Residency Programs – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

**Mission:** The South Texas Veterans Health Care System Pharmacy Residency Programs promote a diverse, equitable, and inclusive residency service through thoughtful residency recruitment, ongoing education and training for those involved in the residency programs, while honoring the VA mission of delivering services to our Nation’s Veterans, their families, and beneficiaries.

**Vision:** The South Texas Veterans Health Care System Pharmacy Residency Programs uphold a vision to become a residency program and pharmacy department of choice for prospective and practicing pharmacists while developing and maintaining a firm commitment to being intentionally inclusive. We seek to become a program that consistently prepares its trainees and staff to effectively and equitably serve a diverse patient population reflective of our Veterans and Nation as a whole.

**Values:** Our pharmacy residency programs adhere to and advance the Department of Veterans Affairs' core values of Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence (I CARE).

**Goals:** To fulfill the Mission and Vision, the South Texas VA Pharmacy Residency Programs will pursue the following strategic goals which will be reviewed on an annual basis as a part of the comprehensive residency program review:

- **Residency Recruitment:** ensuring our recruitment efforts are inclusive, both for prospective residents and preceptors
- **Continuous Education and Advocacy:** ensuring we continuously address biases and ensure our residents and staff are prepared to meet the diverse needs of the patients they will serve today and in the future
- **Resource Awareness:** ensure that appropriate DEI resources and references are available to our pharmacy service and trainees

## **South Texas VA Pharmacy Residency Programs**

Please watch our [YouTube Video](#) to learn more about our site and residency programs!

## **Residency Purpose**

PGY1 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for PGY2 pharmacy residency training.

## **Application Requirements**

Please submit your application through PhORCAS (**NMS Code 119613**) and include the following:

- Letter of intent, curriculum vitae, three (3) letters of recommendation, academic transcripts
- Supplemental Application Questions – see page 5 of this document

## **Application Deadline: December 31, 2021**

Qualifications:

- United States citizenship
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE-accredited institution
- Eligible to practice pharmacy in at least one state – licensure in Texas is required for off-site rotations

## **Learning Experiences**

**Required**

- Orientation (3 weeks in July)
- Inpatient/Outpatient Pharmacy Orientation and Training (2-3 weeks each)
- Practice Management (longitudinal)
- Scholarly Activities (longitudinal)
- Practice Mgmt and Scholarly Activities (Feb)
- Geriatrics – CLC or HBPC (1 month)
- Internal Medicine (2 months)
- Critical Care (MICU or SICU – 1 month)
- Primary Care (1 month)
- Primary Care (longitudinal clinic)
- Outpatient Psychiatry (1 month)

## **Electives**

- Three months – at least 1 Acute Care and 1 Ambulatory Care
- Availability of electives may vary year to year pending preceptor availability

<b>Acute Care Rotations</b>	<b>Ambulatory Care Rotations</b>
Geriatrics – Community Living Center Hematology/Oncology/BMT Infectious Disease Consult Service Inpatient Antimicrobial Stewardship Inpatient Cardiology/CCU Inpatient Psychiatry Internal Medicine Medical or Surgical ICU (MICU/SICU) Transitions of Care (GMED)	Hepatitis C/HIV Geriatric Primary Care – GeriPACT Geriatrics – Home Based Primary Care Oncology/Chemo Clinic Outpatient Psychiatry Pain Management Primary Care – Patient Aligned Care Team Substance Abuse

## **Projects and Experiences**

One research/quality improvement project (Poster Presentation at The University of Texas Celebrating Research Day)

One medication usage evaluation

One practice management project

One committee assignment and participation in P&T meetings

Pharmacotherapy Rounds Presentation

Pharmacotherapy Seminar Topic Discussion

Teaching and Leadership Fellows Program for Residents (optional)

## **Drug Information**

Minimum 6 formal drug information responses

Pharmacy Newsletter (participation in one of four quarterly issues)

One in-service presentation to inpatient or outpatient clinical pharmacists

Monthly Adverse Drug Event reporting

## **Staffing**

Four hours per week (4:30 to 8:30 PM) of inpatient pharmacy and outpatient discharges

Sunday discharge counseling (9:30 AM to 6:00 PM; rotating schedule)

Weekend clinical pager coverage (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; rotating schedule)

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**Scheduled Recruitment Events for the 2022-2023 PGY1 Residency Class**

We will be participating in the following recruitment events related to the 2022-2023 PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Class. Please contact Jason Corbo and Dana Douglass for additional information.

**ASHP Midyear 2021 Residency Showcase (December 6-7<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

- The South Texas VA PGY1 and PGY2 Pharmacy Residency Programs will attend the ASHP Midyear Residency Showcase. Our virtual booth is scheduled for the Monday PM session (**December 6<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 PM EST**).
- We will be utilizing Webex for this event. You may use the following link below to join: <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=mf280ede593b15e76ae39bb2dfe389f27>
- The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy will have a separate booth promoting all the affiliated residency programs. Please be sure to visit them if possible.
- Please see the following page for more information and details about registering for the event: <https://midyear.ashp.org/Residency-Showcase>

**Veterans Affairs Virtual Residency Showcase (December 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

- The South Texas VA PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program will be participating in the VA Virtual Residency Showcase occurring in December, following the ASHP Midyear virtual residency showcase.
- We are tentatively scheduled to have our virtual booth on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from **11:00 AM to 1:00 PM CST**.
- We will be utilizing Webex for this event. Please follow the link below to join: <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=m0fa1198632cb618b9467609ff10fbeb0>
- Please monitor the link above in the event of a change in date/time.

We anticipate that our invited interviews in early 2022 will be 100% **virtual**.

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