

# South Texas Veterans Health Care System – San Antonio, Texas

## PGY2 Ambulatory Care 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, Texas 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 100,000 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 Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (DRRTP). As a level II research facility, ALMMVH has ongoing 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.va.gov/south-texas-health-care/>)

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 100 clinical pharmacy specialists. In addition to three postgraduate year one (PGY1) pharmacy residency positions, our facility offers ten postgraduate year two (PGY2) pharmacy residency positions in ambulatory care (3), geriatrics (1), infectious disease (1), internal medicine (1), oncology (1), pain and palliative care (1), and psychiatry (2). Our residents are appointed as clinical instructors with The University of Texas (UT) at Austin College of Pharmacy and have opportunities to participate in both didactic and experiential instruction. VA residents also have the opportunity to work with other local pharmacy residents and masters’ students from UT. Additional teaching opportunities exist through lab facilitation via University of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy.

### **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!

## **PGY2 Purpose Statement**

PGY2 residency programs build upon Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency training to develop pharmacist practitioners with knowledge, skills, and abilities as defined in the educational competency areas, goals, and objectives for advanced practice areas. Residents who successfully complete PGY2 residency programs are prepared for advanced patient care or other specialized positions, and board certification in the advanced practice area, if available.

## **Application Requirements**

Please submit your application through PhORCAS (**NMS Code 586165**) and include the following:

- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation
  - o One from PGY1 Residency Program Director
  - o Two from direct patient care preceptors

**Application Deadline: January 2, 2025**

**Anticipated Start Date: June 30, 2025**

**Anticipated Stipend: \$51,979**

## **Qualifications:**

- United States citizenship
- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE-accredited institution
- Successful completion of ASHP-accredited PGY1 Pharmacy Residency program
- Eligible to practice pharmacy in at least one state

**Selected applicants will be invited to a virtual interview in late-January or early-February.**

## Learning Experiences/Rotations

### Required:

| Clinical                            |                       |                  | Non-Clinical                        |                       |                  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Rotation Name                       | Frequency (days/week) | Duration (weeks) | Rotation Name                       | Frequency (days/week) | Duration (weeks) |
| Ambulatory Care Practice Management | 1                     | 12               | Orientation                         | 5                     | 4                |
| Anticoagulation                     | 1                     | 12               | Drug Use Evaluation (DUE)           | 0.5                   | 12               |
| Cardiology                          | 4                     | 4                | Primary Care Noon Discussion (PCND) | 0.5                   | 52               |
| PACT Pharmacy*                      | 1                     | 12               | Research/QI Project                 | 0.5                   | 52               |
| Precepting                          | 1                     | 6                | UT Pharmacotherapy Rounds           | 0.5                   | 12               |
| Whole Health                        | 4                     | 4                | VA Grand Rounds                     | 0.5                   | 12               |

\*PACT Pharmacy will be rotated through multiple clinics/preceptors within STVHCS

### Electives:

| <b>Concentrated Elective</b><br>Frequency: daily<br>Duration: 4 weeks<br><br><i>Residents must choose 1 concentrated electives each year. Residents are also limited to 1 concentrated electives.</i> | <b>Longitudinal Elective</b><br>Frequency: one day/week<br>Duration: 12 weeks<br><br><i>Residents are allowed to take up to 4 longitudinal electives/year, which includes physician-led electives</i> | <b>Physician-Led Longitudinal Elective</b><br>Frequency: one half-day/week<br>Duration: 4 weeks<br><br><i>Residents are allowed to take up to 4 longitudinal electives/year, which includes physician-led electives</i> |
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| CLC<br>Geri-PACT<br>GMED<br>HBPC<br>HIH<br>Internal Medicine<br>Neurology<br>Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship<br>Pain<br>PCMHI<br>Substance Use Disorders  | Academia<br>Advanced PACT Pharmacy<br>BHIP<br>HBPC<br>Neurology<br>PACT Pharmacy Population Management<br>Pain<br>PCMHI<br>V17 Pharmacy Benefits Management   | Endocrinology<br>Pulmonology<br>Rheumatology  |

Additional elective learning experiences may be developed based on resident interest and preceptor availability; BHIP = Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program; CLC = Community Living Center; GMED = Geriatric Medication Education at Discharge; Geri-PACT = Geriatrics Primary Care; HBPC = Home-Based Primary Care; HIH = Hospital in Home; PCMHI = Primary Care Mental Health Integration

### Example Resident Schedule:

|           | Week 1-4    | Week 5-8                            | Week 9-12 | Week 13-16 | Week 17-20 | Week 21-24                               | Week 25-28 | Week 29-32 | Week 33-36   | Week 37-40            | Week 41-44                  | Week 45-48 | Week 49-52 |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|--|------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Monday    | Orientation | PACT Pharmacy - RPD                 |           |            | Cardiology | PACT Pharmacy - RPC                      |            |            | Whole Health | Concentrated Elective | PACT Pharmacy - Preceptor C |            |            |
| Tuesday   |             | Longitudinal Elective               |           |            |            | PACT Pharmacy - Preceptor B + Precepting |            |            |              |                       | Longitudinal Elective       |            |            |
| Wednesday |             | PACT Pharmacy - Preceptor A         |           |            |            | Longitudinal Elective                    |            |            |              |                       | PACT Pharmacy - Preceptor D |            |            |
| Thursday  |             | Ambulatory Care Practice Management |           |            |            | Anticoagulation Clinic                   |            |            |              |                       | Longitudinal Elective       |            |            |
| Friday AM |             | Admin/Project Time                  |           |            |            |  |            |            |              |                       |                             |            |            |
| Friday PM | UT          |                                     |           |            |            |  |            |            |              |                       |                             |            |            |

## **Program-Specific Deliverables**

| <b>Requirement</b>                   | <b>Details</b>  |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Research/QI Project                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manuscript (optional publication submission)</li> <li>- Presentation at UT Celebrating Pharmacy Research and Education Day (CPRED) in Austin, TX</li> </ul>    |
| UT Pharmacotherapy Rounds            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In-person 30 to 35 minute PowerPoint presentation</li> <li>- Accompanying handout</li> </ul>   |
| UT Pharmacotherapy Seminar           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In-person 110 minute discussion led and developed by resident in non-lecture based format of residents choosing</li> <li>- Accompanying handout</li> </ul>     |
| VA Grand Rounds                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In-person, ACPE-accredited 50 minute formal presentation in format of residents choosing</li> </ul>  |
| Drug Use Evaluation (DUE)            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Formal write-up</li> <li>- Presentation of findings to relevant stakeholders</li> </ul>  |
| Pharmacy In-Service                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In-person 10 to 15 minute formal presentation in format of residents choosing</li> </ul>   |
| Primary Care Noon Discussions (PCND) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Five virtual 30 minute PowerPoint presentations (two disease state refreshers, one journal club, one patient case, one topic of residents choosing)</li> </ul> |
| Drug Information Questions           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Six formal DI write-ups</li> </ul>   |
| Pharmacy Newsletter                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participation in one of four quarterly issues</li> </ul>   |

## **Optional Leadership Opportunities**

National:

- Federal Resident Council (FedRec)
  - o FedRec chair and co-chair
  - o Subcommittee leads (Communications, SharePoint, Professional Development, Research, Networking)

Local:

- Chief Resident
- Editor-in-Chief Pharmacy Newsletter
- Residency Liaison (Pharmacy Week, Midyear Conference, Monthly Adverse Drug Event Reporting, UT CPRED)
- Social Committee Chair

## **Optional Teaching Opportunities**

Completion of Academic Training Program through UT (level I or level II)

Facilitating labs at UT or UIW

Availability to coordinate additional opportunities through UT and/or UIW, if desired

## South Texas Veterans Health Care System – San Antonio, Texas PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program – Recruitment Events

We will be participating in the following recruitment events related to the 2024-2025 PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Class. Please contact Kaitlen Shumate and Jessica Conklin for additional information.

### VA National Early Commit (VANEC)

- The South Texas VA PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program will be participating in VANEC. This process applies to current VA PGY1 residents only.
- Please review the VANEC SOP and monitor the national VANEC SharePoint for application materials and deadlines.

### VA Virtual Residency Showcase (October 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

- The South Texas VA PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program will be participating in the VA Virtual Residency Showcase occurring in October.
- Please monitor the website below for information on attending one of our virtual booths:  
<https://www.pbm.va.gov/education/vapharmacyresidencyprogram.asp>
- Alternatively, you may use one of the following links to join our virtual booths directly:  
Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> 9 to 11 AM CST:  
<https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=md513ec51ff3a86f172de1375dad2885c>  
Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> 1 to 3 PM CST:  
<https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=me428354e4f67a34b4c12596e764e5a2d>

### ASHP Midyear 2024 Residency Showcase (December 8-12<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

- Pending the status of potential early commitments, the South Texas VA PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program will attend the ASHP Midyear Residency Showcase in Anaheim, CA. Our booth is scheduled for the Tuesday AM session (**December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 11 AM Booth #5417**).
- Pending the status of potential early commitments, we plan to also participate in the ASHP Virtual Showcase. Please monitor the ASHP Midyear website for details on visiting us at this showcase opportunity.
- The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy will have a separate booth promoting all the affiliated residency programs. Please visit them if possible to learn more about our affiliate.
- Please visit the ASHP Midyear website for details about the meeting and Residency Showcase.
- **Individual appointments will be offered throughout the duration of the Midyear Conference** both in and out of Personal Placement Service (PPS). Please contact Kaitlen Shumate and Jessica Conklin directly to request an individual appointment slot.