VA North Texas Health Care System

VA North Texas Health Care System (VANTHCS) is the second largest VA health care system in the country, including Dallas VA Medical Center (VAMC), Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center in Bonham, Fort Worth VA Outpatient Clinic, Tyler VA Outpatient Clinic, Plano VA Outpatient Clinic and five community based outpatient clinic locations. Recognizing the importance of educating tomorrow’s clinicians, Dallas VAMC provides training and residency programs for many health professionals.

Dallas VAMC provides all patient care services excluding transplants and conducts clinical research in many inpatient and outpatient specialty areas. In FY 17, approximately 133,000 Veterans were served with over 1.4 million outpatient episodes of care.

Pharmacy Service is progressive with state-of-the-art-robotics and medical information systems. More than 40 clinical pharmacy specialists provide pharmacy services in a variety of specialty areas. There is ample opportunity for advanced practice pharmacists to develop innovative and advanced patient care practices in collaboration with the medical staff at this federal facility.

Texas Tech School of Pharmacy

The Texas Tech School of Pharmacy was established by the Texas Legislature in 1993 and is part of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Founded upon the idealism that tomorrow’s pharmacists must be independent thinking and technologically advanced, all education and training utilize problem-based learning techniques with a strong emphasis on computer literacy. All course materials are maintained online.

The main campus in Amarillo, Texas is a state-of-the-art facility with high tech, online classrooms. In addition to the Dallas VAMC campus, other regional campuses are located in Abilene, Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) and Lubbock.

The DFW Regional campus established in 1999 includes the Dallas VAMC site and another within the central Dallas Medical District. Approximately 12 full-time and over 40 adjunct clinical faculty as well as 4 distance learning classrooms in DFW support education and training of more than 200 students in their last two years of pharmacy school and 5 PGY1 and 7 PGY2 residents. Residents are actively involved in didactic and clinical teaching and helping facilitate PharmD students in acquiring problem-based learning skills.

PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency and PGY2 Specialty Residencies
Residency Programs Available

- PGY1 (1yr program)
  Program Director: Christyn Mullen-Lee, PharmD, BCACP
- Ambulatory Care PGY2 (1yr program)
  Program Director: Lisa Chastain, PharmD, BCACP
- Infectious Disease PGY2 (1yr program)
  Program Director: Tomasz Z. Jodlowski, PharmD, BCPS (AQ-ID), AAHIVP
- Geriatrics PGY2 (1yr program)
  Program Director: Amie Blaszczyk, PharmD, CGP, FASCP
- Mental Health PGY2 (1yr program)
  Program Director: Monica Mathys, PharmD, CGP, BCPP

Pharmacy residents are based at Dallas VAMC and are affiliated with Texas Tech School of Pharmacy. There is ample opportunity to be involved in patient care, education, management, and research. Residents are required to complete a research project, present at a regional meeting, and prepare a manuscript suitable for journal publication by the end of the residency.

Purpose:

The residency training program is predicated on the knowledge, attitudes, skills, and abilities required for well-rounded health-system pharmacy practice. The objective of the residency-training program is to prepare each individual pharmacist to face the challenges of their chosen areas of interest in contemporary health-system pharmacy practice. Clinical pharmacy practice areas of program strength include training in adult acute care and ambulatory care.

Requirements

- Graduate of an accredited school of pharmacy (with GPA of 3.0 or higher)
- Hold an active pharmacy license or be eligible for licensure
- Candidates for any Specialty Residency must have completed a PGY1 Residency
- Candidates for the PGY1 Residency must be a U.S. citizen

Application Requirements

- PGY1 applications due Dec 31, 2017
- PGY2 applications due Jan 6, 2018
- The following application materials should be uploaded to PhORCAS:
  - Three letters of reference
  - Letter of Intent
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Pharmacy School Transcripts

Salary and Benefits

The annual stipend is $43,000 - $47,000. Benefits include 10 days of vacation, several paid federal holidays, sick leave, a health care benefit package, and an appointment as an Assistant Instructor at the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy.

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More information and application materials available at:
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