
South Texas Veterans Health Care System

The South Texas Veterans Health Care System (STVHCS) is comprised of the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital division, the Kerrville division, and the satellite clinic division. The Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital is a 350- bed facility with an adjacent 90-bed Community Living Center (CLC), a 30-bed Spinal Cord Injury Unit, an 8-bed Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, 26 substance abuse beds (inpatient SATP), and 40 domiciliary beds. STVHCS is home to 1 of 5 Polytrauma Rehabilitation Centers (PRCs) in VA and offers a Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program (PTRP). Additionally, STVHCS also serves as a hub in the Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders System of Care and is 1 of 18 Flagship sites for the Whole Health Initiative. The facility is located in northwest San Antonio and provides primary, secondary, and tertiary health care in medicine, psychiatry, oncology, surgery, and rehabilitation medicine to serve the health care needs of area veterans. Primary care needs of veterans are also addressed at several outpatient clinics that are located near Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital. The Pharmacy Service offers 24- hour coverage, centralized unit-dose drug distribution, complete IV-admixture program, and clinical services. Pharmacies are also located in the outpatient clinics and operate during clinic business hours.

Application Process

Please submit your application through PhORCAS prior to application deadline.



The University of Texas at Austin
College of Pharmacy

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PGY2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Residency Program

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Description

The PGY2 Pain Management and Palliative Care residency program at the South Texas Veterans Health Care System aims to provide comprehensive and specialized training to a motivated resident in areas of chronic pain management, opioid stewardship, and palliative care. The program endeavors to facilitate development of knowledge, skills, and abilities commensurate with compassionate, evidence-based comprehensive pain management services across multiple treatment settings. Completion of this program will equip the new practitioner with clinical acumen and critical thinking skills necessary to efficiently engage with patients at risk of opioid-related harms and navigate them toward holistic pathways to health and function. Graduates will be prepared to accept positions on interprofessional pain treatment teams with expectations of immediate, robust contributions in multiple aspects of care. Training will also include a focus on identification and treatment of complex opioid dependence, as well as the influence of other psychiatric and substance use disorders on the management of chronic pain.

Required Learning Experiences

- Orientation
- Palliative and Hospice (1)
- Palliative Care Consult Service
- Chronic Pain Management (2)
- Primary Care Complex Pain Clinic (PCCPC)
- Psychiatric Disorders (3)
- Primary Care Mental Health Integration + Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program
 - Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP; residential treatment) + Suboxone Clinic
 - Substance Abuse Treatment: Opioid Use Disorder

Elective Learning Experiences

- Primary Care Complex Pain Clinic—Suboxone population
- Whole Health
- Option to repeat one of the core rotations
- Additional opportunities may be available based on resident's interests and schedule

Longitudinal Experiences

- Weekly Primary Care Complex Pain Clinic
- Weekly Pain Stewardship (STVHCS Pain Committee, VISN 17 Pain Stewardship, TJC standards, CARA-related Directives, implementation of Risk Mitigation Strategies, and pain-related Quality Management)

Additional Learning Experiences

- Pharmacotherapy Grand Rounds presentation
- Pharmacotherapy Seminar topic discussion
- STVHCS Pharmacy Grand Rounds Presentation
- Clinical residency project
- Poster presentation at The University of Texas Celebrating Research Day
- Medication Usage Evaluation
- Pharmacy Newsletter
- Participation in a committee
- Pain Topic Discussion with Preceptors and interprofessional learners
- Drug Information Questions (Longitudinal + minimum 1 written response/month on direct patient care rotations)
- One in-service presentation to staff pharmacists (inpatient /outpatient)
- Academic Training Program (optional)