

## **Benefits:**

- *Generous Stipend (Currently \$85,631 for the residency training year)*
- *Vacation and sick leave*
- *Eligible for health insurance*
- *Federal Employees Liability Reform and Tort Compensation Act Coverage*
- *Time in residency applies to Federal longevity*
- *Graduates will be eligible for preferential hiring within the VA system and consideration for VA Education Debt Reduction Program (EDRP)*

*The Department of Veterans Affairs is an equal opportunity employer.*



## Key Faculty

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Physician Assistant  
Post-Graduate Residency  
In Adult Mental Health



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# Physician Assistant Mental Health/Psychiatry Residency Program

## Residency Information

- The one-year PA-MHR provides approximately 500 didactic and 2000 clinical hours of training in adult mental health disorders.
- PA residents train alongside physician residents, attending many of the same didactic lectures and training as their MD resident colleagues.
- All clinical training occurs at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (MEDVAMC) and its affiliated Community-based Outpatient Clinics. Didactic education occurs at MEDVAMC and Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) facilities.
- Residents will be expected to complete 150 hours of additional CME in Psychiatry to meet the requirement for NCCPA's Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Psychiatry, and will be eligible to sit for the board exam at the end of the residency.
- Upon completion of the residency, residents will receive a certificate of completion from the Department of Veterans Affairs and Baylor College of Medicine.
- Residents will have the opportunity to teach PA students performing their clinical rotation in mental health, and may have the opportunity to be involved in research, if interested.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the residency is to graduate PAs prepared to care for the mental health needs of veterans and the general community. Along with expertise in caring for mental illness, program graduates will demonstrate cultural sensitivity, ethical behavior, and professionalism in all interactions with the recipients of care and members of the healthcare team, and a commitment to life long learning to ensure the continued provision of high quality mental health care

## Program Goals

The primary goal of the residency is to provide PA residents with the expanded knowledge and skills requisite to the assessment and management of mental health disorders effecting our Veterans. By completion of the PA-MHR, PA residents will exhibit competency in the following six areas: Patient Care, Medical Knowledge, Practice-Based Learning and Improvement, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Professionalism and Systems-Based Practice, enabling them to excel in a Mental Health service delivery setting.

## Didactic Curriculum Components

- *Participation in selected components of BCM Psychiatry Resident lecture series.*
- *Psychiatry Grand Rounds*
- *Opportunities to attend CME conferences*
- *Journal Club and specialty conferences*
- *Assigned readings*
- *Faculty mentorship*

## Potential Training Rotations

- *General Mental Health Clinic*
- *Inpatient Mental Health Wards*
- *Substance Dependence Treatment Program*
- *Procedural: (ECT, TMS, Tele-MH)*
- *Geriatric Psychiatry*
- *Post-Deployment Clinic*
- *Woman's' Mental Health*
- *Emergency Department MH*
- *Community-based Outpatient Clinic MH*
- *Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team*

## Admission Requirements

Qualified applicants must have each of the following by the time of application:

- **Graduation or expected graduation from an ARC-PA accredited PA Program**
- **Certification by NCCPA or eligible to sit for PANCE**
- **US citizenship**

Required documents include: transcripts from PA program and any graduate-level programs, documentation of NCCPA certification or eligibility, two letters of recommendation, personal essay. Competitive applicants will be interviewed.