Benefits:

- Generous Stipend (Currently $83,922 for the residency training year)
- Vacation and sick leave
- Eligible for life and health insurance
- Vision and dental insurance available
- 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

J. Michael Smith, DHSc, PA-C, CAQ—Psychiatry

Residency Training Director

Bengi B. Melton, MD

Residency Medical Director

Carl Fasser, PA

Baylor College of Medicine

PA Program

Academic Advisor

Applications are being accepted.

Please contact:

J. Michael Smith, DHSc, PA-C
Residency Training Director

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center
2002 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, TX 77030
Tel: 713-791-1414 x26937
E-mail: james.smith323826@va.gov
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 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 PA-MHR 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 lifelong learning to ensure the continued provision of high quality mental health care.

Program Goals

The primary goal of the PA-MHR is to provide PA residents with the expanded knowledge and skills requisite to the assessment and management of mental health disorders affecting 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
- Weekly case conferences
- Journal Club
- Assigned readings
- Faculty mentorship

Clinical Training Areas

- General Mental Health Clinic
- Inpatient Mental Health Wards
- Substance Dependence Treatment Program
- PTSD Treatment Program
- Primary Care Mental Health
- Women’s Clinic
- Geriatrics Clinic
- Pain Clinic
- Sleep Disorders Clinic
- Community-based Outpatient Clinics

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.
Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
Physician Assistant Residency in Mental Health  

Application

Return Application To:

**US Mail**
J. Michael Smith, DHSc, MPAS, PA-C  
Residency Director  
Post-Graduate Physician Assistant Mental Health Residency  
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center  
2002 Holcombe Blvd (Mail Code 116A)  
Houston, TX 77030

**FedEx or other delivery service**
J. Michael Smith, DHSc, MPAS, PA-C  
Residency Director  
Post-Graduate Physician Assistant Mental Health Residency  
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Houston, TX 77030

Questions may be addressed to:

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Residency Director  
713-791-1414 x26937  
James.smith323826@va.gov

Notes:
- Prior to beginning the program, applicants must graduate from an ARC-PA accredited program
- The Residency is affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine
- Applicants must be US Citizens
- A personal essay is required

Begin: ☐ July 1, 2017 ☐ July 1, 2018 ☐ Other: _______________

Application deadline: November 1, 2016  
Application deadline: January 1, 2018

Interviews / admission decisions begin October 1, 2016  
Interviews and admission decisions begin December 1, 2017

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- [ ] Had hospital privileges limited or suspended
- [ ] Been disciplined for academic performance or professional conduct by ANY institution or training program

If any of the above apply, please attach an additional sheet with explanation.

**NCCPA Certification or Eligibility:** ___________________________________________________________

**Membership in Honorary or Professional Societies, prizes, awards, fellowships, etc.** (attach extra sheet if necessary)

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**Publications and Faculty Appointments:** If applicable, please list publications and/or faculty appointments on a separate sheet or include in CV.
PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES:
- Please request two (2) professional letters of evaluation to be mailed to the address above.
- It is encouraged that one letter be from the PA Program Director or supervising physician.
- Please request that evaluators comment on academic and personal attributes including judgment, industry, interpersonal relations, capacity to assume responsibility and professional ethics.

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PERSONAL STATEMENT
A personal essay is required, including personal motivations and professional goals.

CHECKLIST
The following required items are attached or completed:

- Transcript requested to be sent to address on first page, from PA program
- Transcript requested to be sent from any graduate-level programs attended
- GRE scores requested to be sent, if GRE has ever been taken
- Documentation of NCCPA certification, if applicable
- CV, if it includes information not included elsewhere in this application packet
- TWO letters of evaluation requested to be sent
- Personal statement

Proof of US citizenship will be required prior to acceptance into program.

Following the receipt of all documents, competitive applicants will be invited to participate in an interview.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the above information is accurate and correct:

Signature: _____________________________   Date: _____________________________