

For Our Patients, For Our Neighbors

UH College of Pharmacy and DHR Health in Edinburg have embarked on an ambitious partnership to expand clinical pharmacy services, engage in research projects to improve health outcomes, and provide new education and training opportunities for future pharmacists to serve the rapidly growing communities of the Rio Grande Valley.



Rio Grande Valley Pharm.D. Satellite Program

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Disease Management

A primary focus of the UHCOP-DHR Health collaboration is to reverse widening health disparities and improve patient outcomes in the RGV region through interprofessional team-based management of chronic diseases and their associated risk factors, especially in the areas of diabetes, obesity, hypertension and cardiovascular diseases.



Research

UHCOP is eager to mobilize its faculty and student researchers to work alongside clinicians and other members of the DHR Health team on projects and studies in such areas as interventions to improve medication adherence, deprescribing in older adults, and prescription drug misuse prevention strategies as well as research management support for clinical trials.



Education

The RGV Satellite Program is based on a 3+1 model in which students complete foundational coursework and skills training at the college's state-of-the-art facility in Houston during the first three years and complete their advanced pharmacy practice experiential training at DHR Health and other area sites in the final year of the Pharm.D. curriculum.

Certificate in Hispanic Healthcare

The first of its kind in the nation, the Pharmacy Certificate in Hispanic Healthcare at UH combines traditional classroom-based instruction in advanced Spanish language with Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs) at community and clinical/ambulatory care pharmacy sites serving a predominately Hispanic/Spanish-speaking patient population.

The program is aimed at preparing Pharm.D. students with the advanced skills and knowledge to deliver culturally and linguistically competent pharmacy care services to enhance patient comprehension of, and adherence to, their therapeutic regimens; reduce adverse drug reactions and interactions; decrease hospitalizations, readmissions and overall healthcare expenditures; and ultimately improve patient health outcomes.



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