



## LAREDO CAMPUS INFORMATION SHEET

### **What is the UTHSCSA, Physician Assistant Program in Laredo?**

UT Health at San Antonio, School of Health Professions, Physician Assistant Program has developed an opportunity for selected students to complete their physician assistant coursework at a regional UT Health campus located in Laredo, Texas.

### **Who is eligible for the Laredo Campus Program option?**

All program applicants meeting admission requirements are considered eligible and should express their desire to attend the Laredo Campus on the CASPA application where indicated. Those individuals demonstrating a predisposition towards aiding and supporting a medically underserved population will be given special consideration. Up to 10 qualified students will be admitted to this location and final selection will be made by the PA Program Admissions Committee.

### **What is the admissions process for the Laredo Campus Program?**

Applicants requesting consideration for either campus option (San Antonio or Laredo) will complete the same CASPA application, program specific supplemental application, and pay the same supplemental application fee. All applications must be completed and submitted by the specified program application deadline. After reviewing applications, the Admissions Committee will invite a total of 144 prospective students to visit the campus for an in-person interview. After the interviews, the Admissions committee will conduct a final review of interviewed applicants and candidates will be notified of the final decision and assigned program location. Prospective students will be required to indicate acceptance to assigned program location by signature on the Letter of Intent.

### **How does the Laredo Campus Program differ from the San Antonio Campus Program?**

Both program education location options will consist of 30 months of didactic instruction and supervised clinical experiences. The didactic component is completed over the course of 14 months and the clinical component consists of 16 months of full-time, community-based clinical experiences. While efforts will be made to place students in clinical sites located in the Laredo community, placement is based on the needs of the student and availability of the preceptors. Otherwise stated, clinical placements can occur anywhere across the state of Texas and travel must be expected.

### **How much will it cost to attend the Laredo Campus Program?**

Students attending classes at either the San Antonio or Laredo Campus Program will pay the same university tuition based on the number of credits they are enrolled in each semester. Students in the Laredo Campus Program will have a few additional costs associated with travel, food, and lodging when required attend meetings or classes on the main campus in San Antonio. Please refer to the Cost of Attendance located at <https://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/health-professions/programs/physician-assistant-studies-ms/tuition-fees>. All students are responsible for their own travel, food and lodging while attending supervised clinical experiences and should plan for financial expenditures accordingly.

### **What will participation in the Laredo Campus Program course be like?**

All education courses will be delivered synchronously through a combination of in-classroom, video, audio, and web-based formats in an environment that is comfortable, safe, and conducive to interactive learning. Students will receive instruction equivalent to that of San Antonio campus students. Instruction may be delivered in the traditional lecture, team, case, or problem-based methodology. Activities will include lecture attendance, individual assignments, problem-based and team-based learning sessions, flipped classroom experiences, group discussions, and interprofessional learning opportunities. Each course will require students to take web-based exams or demonstrate competency of material by an objective structured clinical examination (OSCE). Technology and support required in the delivery of instruction will be provided. The students will have full access to their classmates, course instructors, advisors, and program staff; this contact will either be in-person or, when necessary, by other technological means (e.g., Skype, Zoom, email, phone call, etc.).

### **What happens after I am accepted to the Laredo Campus Program?**

Students will spend a week of in-residence orientation on the San Antonio campus. Attendance is mandatory. During that time, students will be introduced to the program staff, faculty, and fellow students. Briefings will include orientation to the UTHSCSA PA program and school policies, academic plan of study, the CANVAS learning management platform, skills for success, and student resources. Students at the Laredo campus will also receive an orientation to the Laredo campus and Laredo community resources. This program will have a dedicated faculty member on site who will be assigned as your advisor and provide the necessary support for program success.

**Due to the evolving nature of this distant campus, the UTHSCSA, Physician Assistant Studies Program may modify the structure and requirements as needed.**