

The Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Oncology
Fellowship Program at UT Southwestern Harold C.
Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center provides
a 12-month structured postgraduate education
to prepare clinical nurse specialists\*, nurse
practitioners, and physician assistants with the
expertise necessary to provide high-quality medical
care in the complex environment of adult oncology.

Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, located in Dallas, Texas, is a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center aligned with UT Southwestern Medical Center, a nationally ranked academic medical center. We provide APP oncology fellows a learning environment focused on quality patient care, cutting-edge research, and mentorship. Our innovative curriculum covers the spectrum of cancer care, from prevention to end-of-life care.

During the course of the fellowship, APP oncology fellows are full-time employees of UT Southwestern Medical Center who receive benefits that include paid time off, continuing education funds, and low-cost comprehensive medical, dental, vision, and life insurance. Fellows receive a competitive annual salary over a 12-month period. There are no tuition fees. Relocation support may be provided.

#### Curriculum

The APP Oncology Fellowship curriculum provides didactic and clinical experiences within various adult oncology specialties, incorporating the multidisciplinary teams of medical, surgical, and radiation oncology within each specialty. The curriculum includes learning opportunities in the outpatient, inpatient, and community oncology settings. The comprehensive curriculum includes:

#### **Didactics**

- Program Orientation
- Oncology Didactic Lectures
- Simulation Lab Training Sessions
- Case Presentations
- Fellowship Project
- Institutional Conferences
- National Oncology Conference

#### Core Clinical Rotations

- Breast Oncology
- Gastroenterology Oncology
- Genitourinary Oncology
- Gynecology Oncology
- Head and Neck Oncology
- Hematologic Malignancies/Transplant and Cellular Therapies
- Melanoma
- Neuro-Oncology
- Palliative Care
- Sarcoma
- Thoracic Oncology

## Adjunct Rotations

- Acute Care Clinic
- Cancer Genetics
- Cancer Research
- Cardio-Oncology
- Community Oncology
- Inpatient Medical Oncology
- Interventional Radiology
- Palliative Care
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

#### **Career Transition Rotation**

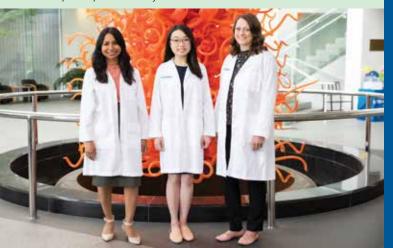
 At the completion of the core clinical rotations and adjunct rotations, the fellow will complete a rotation block in an area of career interest.

# PROGRAM APPLICATION Eligibility Requirements

Program admission is open to new graduates or experienced clinical nurse specialists\*, nurse practitioners (acute care, adult, adult gerontology primary care, adult gerontology acute care, family nurse practitioner), or physician assistants who meet program eligibility requirements.

- Education Minimum of a master's degree in nursing as a clinical nurse specialist\* or nurse practitioner (acute care, adult, adult gerontology primary care, adult gerontology acute care, family nurse practitioner) from an accredited advanced practice education program OR graduate of a physician assistant master's program accredited by ARC-PA at least three months prior to program start date is required.
- Certification National board certification as a clinical nurse specialist\*, nurse practitioner (acute care, adult, adult gerontology primary care, adult gerontology acute care, family nurse practitioner), or physician assistant completed at least two months prior to program start date is required.
- Licensure Licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse by the Texas State Board of Nursing OR licensure as a physician assistant by the Texas Medical Board at least two months prior to program start date is required.

<sup>\*</sup> with prescriptive authority



#### **FAQ**

# What is the purpose of the UTSW Simmons Cancer Center APP Oncology Fellowship?

This fellowship is intended to provide a structured postgraduate education in adult oncology to advanced practice providers (clinical nurse specialists\*, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants). New graduates and experienced APPs who meet eligibility criteria are considered.

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#### What is the structure of the program?

This is a 12-month program that includes didactic and clinical experiences with rotations through various oncology specialties, with each specialty incorporating a multidisciplinary team approach.

#### What salary and benefits are offered?

APP oncology fellows are provided a competitive annual salary and full UTSW employee benefits during the course of the fellowship.

### **Important Dates**

- January: Online application opens
- March: Online application closes
- April: Fellowship interviews conducted
- May: Final two candidates for the year selected and offers extended
- October: APP Oncology Fellowship Program year starts

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