

University of Tennessee Health Science Center

We have an eclectic residency that utilizes private and public sites to give our residents experiences with a varied population. Our residency teaches traditional psychotherapies. We also provide training in pharmacotherapy, telepsychiatry, and collaborative psychiatry. All of this is compatible with our Child Psychiatry and Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowships. In addition, we will individualize training for residents interested in fellowship training. We also are developing research opportunities in Treatment-Resistant Depression and Geriatric Psychiatry.

Two faculty members that deserve mention are our chairman Dr. Ron Cowan and Dr. Altha Stewart. Dr. Ron Cowan has close to 20 years of funded research, primarily focusing on neuroimaging, depression, drug abuse, and pain processing in aging and dementia. He is currently the principal investigator on two National Institute on Aging (NIA) grants. In addition, he is heading the research arm of the department. Dr. Altha Stewart is an associate professor of psychiatry and holds many titles at UTHSC. She is the recent president of the APA and is the Senior Associate Dean for Community Health Engagement in the College of Medicine. She is also the Center for Health in Justice Involved Youth director and chief of Social and Community Psychiatry for the College of Medicine.

The Department of Psychiatry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center takes seriously our mission of providing well-trained psychiatrists who are confident in their skills and prepared to contribute immediately to the local and state community and the field in general. Our faculty work constantly to ensure that our residents have the best exposure and experiences available to develop their skills.