

Texas Tech Tactical Medicine Fellowship Vision Statement

A one year, self-directed program with strong mentorship and support, designed to prepare Tactical Medicine physician leaders in all levels of tactical medical oversight, quality management, policy, research, education, and clinical field work.

Program Overview:

TTUHSC El Paso is also home to the newly formed tactical medicine fellowship, the first of its kind in Texas. The fellowship, designed for emergency medicine residency graduates, will prepare physicians for the growing field of community-oriented tactical medicine.

Areas of focus include on-scene support for high-risk law enforcement operations, improving medical training for law enforcement officers, increasing tactical training for EMTs and other medical personnel, providing leadership for community planning and response to violence, and contributing high quality research to the field.

Goals and Purpose:

The fellowship program seeks to prepare physicians to serve as a bridge between traditional public safety organizations, to include but not limited to Fire/EMS, various police organizations, various hospital systems, municipal government organizations and the surrounding communities.

Fellowship program length:

- 12-month, non-ACGME accredited fellowship for board eligible/board certified emergency medicine physician.



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- One fellow will be accepted annually, this is subject to change by year.
- PGY-4 position, \$61k salary with opportunities for internal moonlighting.
- Fellow will attend the local community college-Basic Peace Officer course to obtain full law enforcement credentials.
 - Upon completion of Basic Peace Officer course, the fellow will spend time attending SWAT training with law enforcement agencies, schedule will vary per agency, may provide primary response to all SWAT callouts, develop medical training programs for law enforcement officers, and working on research projects that are relevant to the fellows interest.
- Fellow will be provided the opportunity to attend courses such as: CONTOMS EMT-Tactical, EMT-T Advanced, and Tactical Medical Director; Basic SWAT, Advanced Hazmat Life Support, and additional courses such as Advanced SWAT, Breaching, CQB, and Incident Command as available and according to the fellow's interests.
- Fellow will attend Tactical Medicine didactics.
- **Clinical Responsibility:**
 - The fellow in this program will have a core clinical commitment of 40 hours per month (480 hours per academic year) in the Emergency Department at University Medical Center of El Paso-Level I Trauma Center within a 280-mile radius. Functioning as an attending physician supervising residents.





Application Process:

- Interested applicants can send a Letter of Intent and an updated CV to the Tactical Medicine Fellowship Program Coordinator, Marissa Flores-Kamenski, via email at marissa.flores@ttuhsc.edu. For any questions, applicants may email Dr. Robert Root, Fellowship Associate Program Director, at Robert.Root@ttuhsc.edu.

Prerequisites/Eligibility:

- BC/BE in emergency medicine.
- Must be able to pass criminal background check.
- Have psychomotor skill and physical fitness to function in austere and dynamic treatment environments.
- Willingness to directly participate in potentially dangerous law enforcement operations.

The Tactical Medicine Fellowship team includes:

- Dr. Russell Baker, D.O. – Assistant Professor, Fellowship Program Director
 - Board certified in emergency medicine and EMS, and a fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine.
 - Served on tactical EMS team at University of New Mexico.
 - Current medical director for the El Paso Fire Department, El Paso PD and U.S Border Patrol (El Paso and Big Bend sectors).
 - Medical Director Blue Origin, Fire Med Education Services.
 - Medical Director EMTask Force-9 Texas.
- Robert Root, D.O. – Assistant Professor, Fellowship Associate Program Director
 - Tactical Medicine Team Leader
 - Board certified in emergency medicine.
 - Active-duty Army emergency medicine physician for seven years, with combat experience in Helmand Province, Afghanistan
 - TCC Instructor.
- Ryan Campbell, M.D. – Assistant Professor, Fellowship Associate Program Director
 - Supervise Research for Tactical Medicine Fellowship
 - Board certified in emergency and family medicine.
 - Certified EMT-tactical advanced.
- Marissa Flores-Kamenski, Medical Administrative Secretary- Department of Emergency Medicine and Tactical Medicine Fellowship Coordinator.

