About Boise, Idaho

Boise, the “City of Trees”, is the capital and largest metropolitan area in Idaho. Over 700,000 people live in the Treasure Valley.

The state of Idaho is known worldwide for its majestic mountain ranges, streams and rivers, forests, mountain lakes and outdoor recreational experiences. Boise is transected by the Boise River and a greenbelt walking/biking path throughout the city. Bogus Basin Ski Resort is a short drive and miles of biking/hiking trails are located within minutes of the hospital grounds.


Boise—VAMC
500 West Fort Street
Boise, Idaho 83702
http://www.boise.va.gov/resources/Boise_VA_Medical_Center_Phrarmacy_Resident

Application via PhORCAS due 2nd Monday of January. Questions may be directed to:

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Goat Lake 2015

(Photo courtesy of Wyatt Gold, former resident)
The Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center offers an ASHP accredited PGY2 residency program in Ambulatory Care open for 3 residents each year.

Program Purpose: PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to care for patients independently by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care or other advanced practice settings. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency are prepared for advanced patient care, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification, if available.

Required Experiences
- PACT Team Clinical Pharmacist (4 months)
- Women’s Clinic (4-8 weeks)
- Outpatient Infectious Diseases (4 weeks)
- Rural Outpatient Clinic (8 weeks)
- Longitudinal: Resident-managed heart failure clinic, leadership seminars, interprofessional QI project, outcomes analysis project, discharge staffing, ambulatory practice management.

Residency Opportunities
- Customized Electives: Telehealth, academics, geriatrics, mental health, oncology, and more.
- Credentialed clinical pharmacist with ambulatory scope of practice within the institution

Clinical Training Site
The Boise VAMC is the training site for PGY1 pharmacy and PGY-2 in ambulatory care and psychiatric pharmacy. The hospital is a teaching site for University of Washington & Family Practice medical residents, psychology interns, PA, NP, RN trainees, and Idaho State University pharmacy students. Each resident will have the opportunity to serve as a clinical pharmacist in our primary care training clinic, for a rural outpatient clinic, and will complete an interprofessional project related to the provision of patient care in an ambulatory setting. Residents have the opportunity to earn a Teaching & Learning Certificate through Idaho State University.

Applicant Qualifications and Selection
The applicant must be a graduate of a school of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education, be a U.S. citizen, possess the Doctor of Pharmacy degree, have successfully completed an accredited PGY-1 residency, and be licensed to practice in one of the 50 states, territories of the United States, or District of Columbia. Applicants must participate in the ASHP Resident Matching Program. Applicants must also apply to each program independently of the Match.

Application Requirements
- Three letters of recommendation from healthcare professionals
- Curriculum Vitae (include Match number)
- Pharmacy School Transcripts
- Letter of intent (500-750 words)

Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than first Monday in February. Selections will be made by the Residency Program Committee.

On-site interviews will be conducted in February. Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical exam, including negative drug test. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment.

This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.