Boise, the "City of Trees", is the capital and largest metropolitan area in Idaho. Approximately 400,000 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.


Kelly Starman and Megan Koyle, 2015 PGY-2 residents, in the Sawtooth Mountains
The Program

The Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center offers an ASHP accredited PGY2 residency program in Ambulatory Care. There are three PGY2 Ambulatory Residents each year.

Some of the Pharmacy Staff and Residents at the Fall 2015 ISHP Meeting

Program Purpose: The PGY-2 Ambulatory Care residency program at Boise VAMC is designed to produce advanced pharmacy practitioners in primary care. Graduates may be able to find employment in academia and in institutions as ambulatory care clinical pharmacy specialists or clinical coordinators.

Required Experiences
- Silver Team Clinical Pharmacist (4 month rotation)
- Women’s Clinic (4-8 weeks)
- Specialty Clinics (4 weeks)
- Rural Outpatient Clinic (8 weeks)
- Longitudinal: Center of Excellence activities, outcomes analysis project, discharge staffing, ambulatory practice management

Opportunities
- Customized Electives: oncology, geriatrics, infectious diseases, academics, mental health, tele-health, etc.
- Leadership Seminar

Clinical Training Site
The Boise VAMC is the training site for the PGY-2 residency. The hospital is a teaching site for University of Washington & Family Practice medical residents, psychology interns, PA, NP, RN students, and Idaho State University pharmacy students. We are honored to be one of seven “Centers of Excellence in Primary Care Education” sites. Each resident will have the opportunity to serve as clinical pharmacist for the medical resident continuity clinic and for a rural outpatient clinic, and will complete an interprofessional project related to the provision of patient care in an ambulatory care setting. Residents have the opportunity to earn a Teaching 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. Materials to be posted on PhORCAS by the first Monday of January.

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- Please include Match Number
- Two letters of recommendation from healthcare professionals
- Curriculum Vitae
- Pharmacy School Transcripts
- Letter of intent (500-750 words).

Candidates will be notified of interview status no later than February 1. 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.

Resident backpacking trip August 2015