

## Helena, MT

### “Queen City of the Rockies”

One and a half centuries ago, Helena became the "Queen City of the Rockies" with the boom brought on by the 1864 gold strike.

Helena grew along Last Chance Gulch and in 1875 became the Montana territorial



capital. Today the state capitol's grand architecture, numerous museums and historic sites offer a real glimpse into the rich and deep history of the city. Helena also boasts a vibrant cultural center with a busy event calendar, eclectic shopping, art galleries, terrific local bands, great restaurants, local microbreweries, local sporting events and an epic trail system (over 75 miles of trails that originate from downtown).

Helena is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise, with fishing, camping, hunting, downhill and cross-country skiing, hiking and biking trails, golf, and numerous lakes all in our backyard.

Home to Carroll College and close to the University of Montana and Montana State University, Helena is an ideal location to grow personally and professionally.

## Contact Information

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Veterans Health Administration

Montana VA Health Care System



## PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program

Montana VA  
Health Care System  
Fort Harrison, Montana

## Our Program

The Montana VA Health Care System serves veterans across the state of Montana and provides pharmaceutical care for over 31,000 veterans. The Medical Center at Fort Harrison consists of a 34-bed acute care facility, a 24-bed residential treatment unit and outpatient services in primary and specialty care.

The Montana VA PGY1 Residency Program is designed to provide our resident with opportunities to expand their clinical knowledge and apply evidence-based treatments to improve the health and well-being of our veterans. Each resident will participate in structured learning experiences focused on core pharmacy functions provided at the Montana VA and will have opportunities to work in collaboration with providers from a variety of services within the Health Care System. Residents will have the opportunity to obtain a teaching certificate in coordination with Skaggs School of Pharmacy at the University of Montana.

## Overview

The PGY1 pharmacy residency is a one-year postgraduate program beginning on or near July 1<sup>st</sup>. Our program emphasizes training in ambulatory care settings, however, does provide experiential opportunities in a variety of inpatient and administrative areas.

## Core Experiences

- Pharmacy Management
- Outpatient Pharmacy
- Inpatient Pharmacy
- Internal Medicine
- Anticoagulation
- Primary Care

## Elective Experiences

- Behavioral Health
- Pain Management
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Oncology
- Home-based Primary Care
- Informatics
- Formulary Management
- Academics

## General Requirements

- Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited School of Pharmacy
- Active pharmacist license **OR** eligibility in a state
- U.S. citizenship
- Successfully pass drug screening and a federal background check
- Minimum 3.0 GPA or have completed a minimum of 3 years' experience in pharmacy practice

Our program is ASHP Candidate status, with an anticipated accreditation visit in 2018.

## Application Requirements

- A letter of interest with explanation of candidate's goals
- Curriculum vitae
- Official pharmacy school transcripts
- Three professional letters of recommendation
- VA Application:

[www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850c-fill.pdf](http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850c-fill.pdf)

Please submit application materials online via PhORCAS:

<https://portal.phorcas.org/>

National Match Service Code:  
# 260913

Application Due Date:  
January 5, 2018

Residents receive a competitive annual stipend, 13 paid holidays, accrued sick and annual leave, health care benefits package, free parking, office space, and travel support for national or regional conferences (pending availability).