



Pioneer Mountains, Central Idaho

Boise VAMC

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Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Idaho State University



Postgraduate Year 1 Pharmacy Residency



Our vision is to provide unique learning opportunities for residents to practice patient centered care and interprofessional collaboration with motivated and qualified preceptors who promote a culture of discovery. We aspire to develop innovation and leadership in the profession of pharmacy.



2012-2013 Residents (left to right): Melissa Green, Garret Smith, Robert Moore (preceptor), Van Hilburn, Katie Erickson, Chelsea Mannebach, and Cynthia Valle-Oseguera

Idaho Society of Health Systems Pharmacists Fall Conference

Sun Valley, Idaho



Idaho Shakespeare Festival Amphitheater

There are also many miles of mountain biking/hiking trails within minutes of the hospital grounds.

Idaho State University College of Pharmacy offers a doctor of pharmacy degree and has campuses located in Pocatello, four hours east of Boise, and in the Boise area at a new facility in Meridian. Opportunities exist to participate in many academic endeavors with the ISU faculty and students.

amphitheater near the Boise River, The Boise Contemporary Theater, The Boise Philharmonic, The Boise Art Museum, Ballet Idaho, Opera Idaho, The Gene Harris Jazz Festival, and Bogus Basin Ski resort. The Capital City Public Market is the place to be seen most Saturday mornings. Boise is host to a variety of sporting events such as IronMan 70.3, Boise State University athletics, Albertson's Boise Open Golf Tournament, The Twilight Criterium, The Race to Robbie Creek (the toughest half-marathon in the northwest!), Idaho Women's Fitness Celebration, Idaho Steelheads Minor League Ice Hockey, and Idaho Stampede Basketball.



Stanley Lake in the Sawtooth Mountains
Photo courtesy of Steve Graff RPh

The Program

The Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center offers a postgraduate year one (PGY1) ASHP-accredited, residency program. Our training programs are designed to:

- Manage and improve the medication process
- Provide evidence-based, patient-centered collaborative medication therapy management .
- Utilize medical informatics
- Exercise leadership, practice and project management skills
- Provide expertise in medication utilization and practice related education/training
- Graduate pharmacists with the ability to practice in hospital pharmacies, academic settings, or move on to specialty residencies in ambulatory care, geriatrics, oncology, etc.

Residents are required to:

- Participate in disease management clinics
- Conduct a Medication Utilization Evaluation to present at a local or regional conference.
- Contribute to formulary decisions with the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
- Practice patient-centered and collaborative management of patients and populations.

The Program, cont.

Opportunities Include:

- Weekly Resident Forum: BCPS prep, journal club, and formal Teaching Certificate courses through Idaho State University.
- Ambulatory Care Track in the [Center of Excellence](#) for Primary Care Education for residents interested in PGY2 Ambulatory Care
- ACLS and BLS certification
- A variety of customized elective rotations



Boise VA Preceptors: Back (left to right): Donovan Victorine, Dave Garrabrandt, Steve Koenig, Leon Jensen, Paul Black

Front: Kendall Crane, Sarah Naidoo, Randi Griffiths, Amber Fisher, Robert Moore

About Boise

Boise, the “City of Trees”, is the capital and largest metropolitan area in Idaho. Approximately 600,000 people live in the Treasure Valley.

The area’s largest employers are Micron Technology, IdaCorp, St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, JR Simplot Co., Albertson’s, and WinCo Foods.

The state of Idaho is known worldwide for its majestic mountain ranges towering over 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.

There is an active arts community featuring the Idaho Shakespeare Festival at a beautiful outdoor



PGY1 Sam Valle-Oseguera
The Great American
Smokeout
November 2012

Selection of Applicant

Selection of the applicant will be made by the Residency Program Committee at the Boise VAMC.

Interested 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:

- Please include Match Number and photo
- Letter of intent describing your professional goals.
- A copy of transcripts of all pharmacy school work
- 3 letters of reference from healthcare professionals

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

Clinical Training Site

The clinical training site for this program is the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. This site is the primary location for a model teaching site where well-qualified pharmacists will contribute to the training of residents in the areas of ambulatory care, internal medicine, pharmacoeconomics, psychiatry, and geriatrics. The goals of each resident are customized to account for their strengths, weaknesses and personal interests to help ensure optimal training. Residents will be appointed to the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy as affiliate faculty. Residents have the opportunity to earn a Teaching Certificate through Idaho State University. The formal program consists of attending seminars, designing and delivering lectures, leading small group discussions, serving as preceptors and completing a teaching portfolio.



2012 Resident Backpacking trip



Resident Forum meets every Wednesday with valley residents. Residents may earn a Teaching Certificate after course completion.

Curriculum

A minimum of 2,000 clock hours over a 12-month period is required for successful completion of the program. During this time residents may be provided with orientation, instruction and experience in, but not limited to:

Required Rotations:

- Ambulatory care/primary care clinics
- Advanced Ambulatory Care
- Pharmacoeconomics/Informatics
- Adult Medicine
- Inpatient Pharmacy
- Outpatient Staffing
- Management
- Geriatrics

Elective Rotations:

- Oncology
- Psychiatric/mental health
- Academia
- Infectious diseases
- Anticoagulation

Qualification of the Applicant

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, be a member of a national professional pharmacy organization, and be licensed to practice in one of the States, territories of the United States, or District of Columbia.

The applicant must demonstrate leadership abilities, professional competence, communication skills, scholastic achievement, dependability, and the ability to work well with others.

These qualities will be judged through personal interviews, interviews with peers, pharmacy school transcripts and letters of recommendation.



2012 Resident backpacking trip in the Sawtooth Wilderness Area.