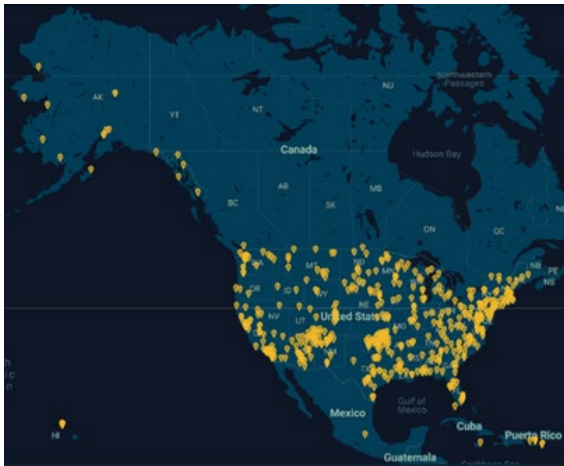




U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps *Pharmacists Leading the Way*

WHO WE ARE: The United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps, comprised of a diverse team of approximately 6,000 officers, including 1,300 pharmacists, serves under the leadership of the United States Surgeon General and Pharmacist Chief Professional Officer, RDML Kelly Battese. We are dedicated to our mission of protecting, promoting, and advancing the health and safety of our Nation, from direct patient care to management of public health service programs. As one of the eight uniformed services of the United States, the USPHS Commissioned Corps is an essential component of the largest global public health program.



U.S. locations where pharmacy Officers serve.

WHERE WE SERVE:

- [Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality \(AHRQ\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#)
- [Defense Health Agency \(DHA\)](#)
- [Federal Bureau of Prisons \(BOP\)](#)
- [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#)
- [Health Resources & Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#)
- [Immigration & Customs Enforcement \(ICE\)](#)
- [Indian Health Service \(IHS\)](#)
- [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#)
- [Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response](#)
- [Office of the Secretary](#)
- [Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration](#)
- [U.S. Coast Guard \(USCG\)](#)

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- U.S. citizen
- Less than 44 years old for Regular Corps or less than 40 years old for Ready Reserve Corps
- Pass a medical examination and security investigation
- Possess a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree from an ACPE accredited school
- Maintain a valid, unrestricted pharmacist license with any state; Washington, DC; or applicable U.S. territories
- Commit to an 8-year commissioned service obligation



PHARMACIST ROLES:

- Deliver health care through traditional pharmacist services and as providers with expanded scopes of practice (direct patient care, chronic and behavioral care clinics)
- Lead multidisciplinary healthcare teams in formulary management and clinical practice guideline optimization
- Provide regulatory and scientific expertise contributing to the oversight and approval of drugs and medical devices
- Administer national public health programs focused on underserved and vulnerable populations
- Engage in emergency and humanitarian response
- Provide deployment planning, operational, logistical, and/or administrative support



EMERGENCY & HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES: For over 200 years, the USPHS has been our Nation's front line against the spread of disease. Beginning with the treatment of sailors returning from foreign ports and immigrants entering the United States to recent responses and health threats posed by natural disasters and disease outbreaks.

COVID-19

- Command Center
- Cruise Ship Mission
- Mass Vaccination Clinic
- Medical Procurement Support
- Quarantine Station

Natural Disasters

- Hurricanes ('20, '18, '17, '16)
- Wildfires ('20, '19, '17)
- Flooding ('16, '12, '11)
- Typhoon/Tsunami ('19, '18)
- Hawaiian Volcano ('18)

Humanitarian

- Ebola – West Africa ('19)
- Unaccompanied Minors ('18)
- Navajo Water Access ('20)
- Oil Spill Response
- Presidential Inauguration



Careers in Pharmacy

USPHS for Students



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES: USPHS offers opportunities for students to serve the country while completing their education, including the JRCOSTEP and SRCOSTEP programs. Participants can be employed as an Officer and trained by professionals at federal agencies across the country. Students are paid, and receive health benefits, as well as housing and travel allowances. Programs can vary from 30-120 days and can transition into further benefits with a commitment to a career in USPHS as an active-duty Officer.