

VA LONG BEACH HEALTHCARE SYSTEM



VALOR Pharmacy 2016

Summer Honors Internship

Purpose: Through the VA's commitment to education and research, the **Veterans Administration Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR)** program provides outstanding pharmacy students with an excellent learning opportunity to develop clinical competencies, and foster professional growth and development. VALOR students will learn about direct patient care through participation in various ambulatory care clinics and interdisciplinary care in acute care and long term care settings. In addition, the student will learn fundamental skills to practice successfully as a pharmacist within an integrated healthcare system.

Valor Student positions available: Two (2)

Appointment: 40 hours per week for 10 consecutive weeks during the summer months **for two consecutive summers; June 6, 2016- August 12, 2016 (tentative)**

Salary: Students will be appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7405(a) (1) (D) at approximately \$21.88 per hour

Eligibility Criteria: Student must have:

- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. (alternative requirements available for pharmacy schools utilizing a pass/fail grading system)
- Be able to complete a minimum of 40 hours per week for 10 consecutive weeks for two consecutive summers as a Pharmacy Valor student.
- Be a United States citizen and meet physical examination standards at the time of entry in the Pharmacy Valor program.
- Currently in second professional year of education at an ACPE accredited School of Pharmacy

Application Procedure:

- VA Application for Health Professions Trainees (Form # **10-2850D**) found at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>
- Curriculum Vitae
- Official school of pharmacy transcript
- Essay indicating career goals and objectives for seeking VALOR honors summer internship.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation of which one must be from the Dean/Director of the School of Pharmacy
 - Dean recommendation letter must include the following:
 - Nomination of the student to the program
 - Verification of enrollment as a full-time student (as defined by the school)
 - Successful completion of the second year of pharmacy education by the time program start
 - Anticipated graduation within two years after entry into the Pharmacy VALOR Program.

Interviews will be scheduled based on evaluation of the written application.

Application materials for the 2016 Pharmacy VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) program must be **post-marked** by **Monday, February 22th** and addressed to:

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