



VALOR

Program for Pharmacy Students

Veteran Affairs Greater Los Angeles

2016-2017

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A SUMMER INTERNSHIP AT THE VA?

what is VALOR?

VALOR, or the *VA Learning Opportunities Residency for Pharmacy Students*, is an honors program that provides opportunities for outstanding students in pharmacy to develop competency-based clinical practice skills while at an approved VA healthcare facility. VALOR Students will be provided unique educational experiences in a variety of areas of pharmacy, including acute care, ambulatory care, long term care, and administration.

who is the VAGLAHS?

The **VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VAGLAHS)** is the largest and among the most complex medical centers in the nation. It provides a full spectrum of acute and long term inpatient and ambulatory care to approximately 1.4 million veterans residing in the primary service area of Los Angeles, Ventura, and Kern Counties, covering 20,000 square miles.

All VALOR Student experiences are offered at the *West Los Angeles Healthcare Center*, which is a tertiary care teaching facility dedicated to providing a wide array of acute and ambulatory patient care services to our nation's veterans. In addition to the main acute care hospital, there is a 180-bed Nursing Home (Community Living Center, a Hospice Unit, Home-Based Primary Care, and a Veterans State Home.

program information

Location: VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, West Los Angeles Healthcare Center

Number of Positions: 2

Appointment Period: Approximately 40 hours per week for 10 weeks during the summer months for 2 consecutive summers; anticipated start date June 6, 2016 (tentative)

Salary: Students will be appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7405(a)(1)(D) at a salary of approximately \$21 per hour

eligibility requirements

To qualify, students must satisfy the following:

- Successful completion of the **second year** of pharmacy education at an ACPE accredited School of Pharmacy by the start of the program
- A minimum pharmacy school GPA of **3.0** on a 4.0 scale; alternative requirements for students enrolled in schools utilizing a pass/fail grading system
- Be able to complete a minimum of 400 hours per year as a Pharmacy VALOR Student at **40 hours per week for 10 weeks during the summer months for 2 consecutive summers**
- Be a **United States citizen** and meet physical examination standards at the time of entry in the Pharmacy VALOR Program

*NOTE: Students with a service obligation to any Federal, State, or private institution, or recipients of any Federal scholarships are **ineligible** for the Pharmacy VALOR Program*

application process

Completed applications will be accepted by mail or by email and must be **post-marked/emailed** by **Monday, February 22, 2016** to be considered. An interview will be extended to eligible applicants after the initial review of applications and is required for final consideration for this program.

Application packets should include:

- **Form OF-306** (Declaration for Federal Employment) found at http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of0306.pdf (email with signature)
- **Curriculum Vitae**
- **Official School Transcript** (in addition, may email unofficial with application to expedite review)
- **Statement of Intent** addressing career goals and objectives and reasons for pursuing the Pharmacy VALOR Program at the VAGLAHS
- **Three Letters of Recommendation** (Letters must be sent from a professional email address or on official letterhead)
 - One from the **Dean** of the School of Pharmacy which must address the following:
 1. Nomination of the student to the program
 2. Verification of enrollment as a full-time student
 3. Successful completion of the second year of pharmacy education by the start of the program
 4. Anticipated graduation within two years after entry into the Pharmacy VALOR Program.
 - Two from licensed and practicing **Pharmacists** who know the student from a professional level (i.e. employment supervisor, faculty, etc)

contact

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