



## VALOR

### Pharmacy Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunities Residency Program VA Maryland Health Care System



#### What is a Pharmacy VALOR Program?

It is an honors program that provides opportunities for outstanding students to develop competencies in pharmacy practice while working at an approved VA health care facility. The VALOR program focuses on development of skills and knowledge required for pharmacy practice by providing competency based practice experiences under the supervision of a pharmacist preceptor.

#### Learning Experiences May Include:

- Inpatient Pharmacy
- Pharmacy Administration
- Ambulatory Care Clinics
- Outpatient Pharmacy
- Acute Care/Internal Medicine
- Research

#### Educational Opportunities:

- Medical Center and Pharmacy Orientation
- Case Presentations and Topic Discussions
- Chart Reviews and SOAP notes
- Multidisciplinary Team Rounds
- Medication Use Evaluations
- Journal Clubs

#### Benefits:

- Highly Competitive Salary
- Exposure to Federal Pharmacy Practice
- Potential to be hired above the minimum entry salary after graduation
- A minimum of 400 work hours up to a maximum of 800 paid work hours

#### Eligibility:

1. Anticipated completion of SECOND professional year of education at an ACPE accredited School or College of Pharmacy by May 31<sup>st</sup> of current academic year.
2. Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on coursework taken in pharmacy school
3. United States Citizenship
4. Meet physical examination standards, VHA background security check and attend VA employee orientation if selected
5. Be able to complete the minimum of 400 hours from start date through September 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Application Process:**

1. Applications for Federal Employment: (available on-line)
  1. (10-2850c) Application for Associated Health Occupations  
<http://federalgovernmentjobs.us/forms/vha-10-2850c-fill.pdf>
  2. (OF-306) Declaration for Federal Employment  
[http://opm.gov/forms/pdf\\_fill/of0306.pdf](http://opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of0306.pdf)
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Official Pharmacy School Transcript
4. Minimum one to two paragraph Letter of Interest
5. A letter of nomination from a Dean/Director of School or College of Pharmacy which must include:  
Nomination of the student to the program, verification of enrollment as a full-time student, successful completion of the second year of pharmacy education by the time of entry of the upcoming summer program, anticipated graduation within two years of entry into the Pharmacy VALOR Program
6. One letter of recommendation from an additional instructor, advisor, employer or professor
7. Application deadline (must be post-marked by): March 7<sup>th</sup>
8. On-site interview is required

### **Send Applications to:**

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**Applications will not be accepted prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>**