

Background:

The Pharmacy VALOR Program is an honors program created in 2007 that provides opportunities for outstanding students to develop competencies in pharmacy practice while working in a VA healthcare facility.

Appointment as a VALOR student will be for 800 hours. The first 400 will occur during the summer months and the second will be completed during your P3 year of schooling. Each VALOR student will work alongside a qualified pharmacist preceptor.



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PHARMACY VA LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES RESIDENCY (VALOR) PROGRAM



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Eligibility:

Students must have:

- Completed the second professional year (or 4 completed semesters hours equivalent in a year round program) of education at an Accreditation Council of Pharmaceutical Education accredited School or College of Pharmacy.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale. The GPA must be computed on their professional training in the School or College of Pharmacy. Only data on official transcripts will be used to determine grade qualifications.

Students Must:

- Be able to complete 800 hours, 400 which will be during your P3 year as a Pharmacy VALOR student at the Albany VA facility.
- 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.*

Procedure:

1. Submit an Application for Federal Employment (<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850d-fill.pdf>) to the Stratton VA Medical Center along with your curriculum vitae and official transcripts.
2. Submit a letter from the Registrar/Dean/Director of School or College of Pharmacy to Amy T. Murdico, Pharm.D. BCPS, Pharmacy VALOR Coordinator. The letter should include the following: verification of enrollment as a full-time student (as defined by the school); successful completion of the second professional year of pharmacy education (PY2); and anticipated graduation date.
3. Submit a letter of reference from an employer, faculty member, or preceptor (if applicable.)

Appointment:

VALOR program students will be appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7405(a)(1)(D) at a per annum training rate equal to 80 percent of the actual salary rate in effect for general scheduled GS-9, Step 1 (47,448/year).

Application:

Application deadline is:
February 14, 2014

Send all application materials to:
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Questions?

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