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To fulfill President Lincoln's promise "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's Veterans.



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The VALOR program at the Veterans Affairs Portland Healthcare System

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What is the VALOR program?

The **Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR)** is a ten week honors program that provides opportunities for outstanding pharmacy students between the second and third years of schooling to develop competency-based clinical practice skills at an approved VA healthcare facility. Selected students are provided unique educational experiences in several areas of practice including: distribution, acute care, long term care, ambulatory care, and administration. Experiences include:

- Drug distributive training within inpatient and outpatient pharmacy
- IV hood training
- Responding to drug information questions
- Shadowing clinical pharmacists
- Collaborating with residents on projects and the quarterly pharmacy newsletter
- Attend continuing education presentations, resident's conference, and other group learning exercises
- Honing presentation skills with patient cases, journal clubs, and topic discussions
- Longitudinal project

The VAPORHCS

The VA is the United State's **largest integrated healthcare system** with 150 medical centers in addition to more than 1,400 community-based outpatient clinics (CBOCs).

The VA Portland Health Care System (VAPORHCS) is a 277-bed facility which serves more than 95,000 unique Veterans with 9455,000 outpatient visits each year in Oregon and Southwest Washington. The VAPORHCS consists of the main tertiary care medical center which overlooks the city of Portland, the Vancouver Division in Vancouver, Washington, and ten CBOCs across Central and Northwest Oregon.

Pharmacy Services has over 150 staff members and is dedicated to providing a Veteran-centric practice model to provide safe, appropriate, and evidence-based therapy and education.

Pharmacy Services Mission: To provide Veteran-centric pharmaceutical care that **improves outcomes** through a commitment to innovation, education, and collaboration.



Program Information

Location: VA Portland Health Care System, Portland and Vancouver Division

Number of Positions: 2

Appointment period: 40 hrs/week for 10 weeks during the summer months and a potential of 400 hours during the next year.

Salary: Approximately \$21/hour

To qualify, students must satisfy the following:

- United States citizen and meet physical examination standards at the time of entry in the program
- Letter of intent
- Current Curriculum Vitae
- Required applications for federal appointment to the VA (Form OF-306 & 10-285od)
- Verification of enrollment as full-time student (current official college of pharmacy transcript)
- Successful completion of the **second year** of pharmacy education at the OSU|OHSU College of Pharmacy
- GPA of ≥ 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Letter of recommendation from the Dean of the College of Pharmacy

