



MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

PHARMACY VALOR PROGRAM 2016-2017 Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunity Residency

- ◆ A one year-long work experience to educate and recruit exceptional future pharmacists interested in the Veteran Affairs practice setting.
- ◆ Offers an opportunity for pharmacy students to develop competencies in pharmacy practice settings such as inpatient pharmacy and outpatient pharmacy.
- ◆ Provides opportunities for exposure to clinical pharmacy services such as anticoagulation, cardiology, critical care, hematology/oncology, home-based care, infectious disease, internal medicine, primary care, psychiatry, spinal cord injury, and transplant.

Program Benefits

- ◆ Salary is equal to 80% of the minimum level for new graduates
- ◆ No service obligation
- ◆ Flexible work hours

Program Eligibility

- ◆ Must be a U. S. Citizen
- ◆ Must be a full-time student approaching the 3rd or 4th year of pharmacy school
- ◆ Possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale computed on their professional training in the college of pharmacy
- ◆ Able to complete a minimum of 400 hours as a VALOR student
- ◆ Able to meet physical standards at the time of entry into the program



Application Requirements

- ◆ VA form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations, (<http://www4.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850c-fill.pdf>) **and** VA form OF-306, Declaration of Federal Employment, (<http://www.opm.gov/Forms/html/of.asp>)
 - Letter of good standing from the Dean verifying full-time status and anticipated graduation within one to two years of VALOR program entry
 - Sealed Official Transcripts
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Letter of program interest, including career goals (250-word maximum)
 - Note: Current P3 VALOR students applying for a second year are required to submit only the Sealed Official Transcripts and "Letter of Intent to Continue the Program." Re-appointment is not guaranteed.

Application deadline: Friday, January 29, 2016 (postmarked)

Mail entire application, letter of good standing, and sealed transcripts in one package to:

**Attn: Cheryl Douglas, R. Ph., Chief, Pharmacy Service
VALOR Program Director**

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