

VALOR



William S. Middleton
Memorial Veterans Hospital
Madison, Wisconsin

Veterans
Affairs
Learning
Opportunities
Residency

*Pharmacy Student
Summer Internship*



Attention Pharmacy Students!

Looking for an opportunity to explore a variety of career opportunities in Pharmacy?

The VALOR program offers participants the chance to gain experience in and explore all areas of VA pharmacy practice. Pharmacists in the VA are actively involved in a wide range of patient care activities, including inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory care services. Experience being on the cutting-edge of pharmacy practice! VA Pharmacists have an extensive scope of practice, including prescriptive authority. The VA exemplifies an integrated model of care to provide an important service to our Veterans. ***Explore the VA through the VALOR program and find out first hand what opportunities exist!***

What is the VALOR Program?

The pharmacy VALOR program at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital is a summer internship program to provide opportunities for outstanding pharmacy students to develop clinical pharmacy practice skills while working at a VA healthcare facility.

Students spend a total of 400 hours working with pharmacy residents and staff clinical pharmacists in a variety of pharmacy practice settings:

Outpatient Pharmacy: Students will develop skills in prescription review and dispensing, medication counseling, staff education, and medication distribution systems.

Inpatient Pharmacy: Students will participate in IV admixture, kinetics monitoring, medication reconciliation, inpatient anticoagulation, and discharge counseling.

Ambulatory Care: Students will shadow pharmacy residents and interview patients in a variety of disease-state management clinics such as anticoagulation, medication management, hypertension, rheumatology, epilepsy, diabetes, and osteoporosis.

Formulary Management/Administration: Students will work on formulary and administrative projects relevant to patient care at the VA.

Other Opportunities: Students are expected to attend and present topic/case discussions and journal clubs.

Why Participate?

VALOR interns gain competency in many areas of pharmacy. They have the chance to:

1. Identify various roles of pharmacists in the VA healthcare system
2. Interact with other healthcare providers
3. Experience a wide variety of potential roles for pharmacists
4. Apply the process for gathering data from patients and medical charts to formulate solutions to therapeutic problems
5. Appropriately document patient care activities
6. Apply clinical knowledge learned in the classroom to clinical practice situations

Who is Eligible?

Students who...

1. Are currently second year PharmD students at an accredited School of Pharmacy
2. Are citizens of the United States and meet physical examination standards at the time of entry into the program
3. Are able to complete a minimum of 400 hours as a Pharmacy VALOR intern in a VA facility during the summer between the 2nd and 3rd year of pharmacy school
4. Are able to work between 4-8 hours per week during the 3rd year of pharmacy school as a continuation of the VALOR Internship which may include weekends and holidays (subject to available funding)
5. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average in professional curriculum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

How to Apply:

1. Submit an Application for Federal Employment for the VALOR program (VA Form 10-2850d):

<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850d-fill.pdf>

2. Submit a School of Pharmacy Transcript
3. Submit a resume/Curriculum Vitae (CV)
4. Submit a letter of intent/cover letter
5. Submit 1 letter of recommendation
6. Submit your letter of intent and your resume/CV to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. The Associate Dean will subsequently submit a letter on behalf of the School of Pharmacy to the Chief of Pharmacy Services that will include:
 - A student nomination to the program
 - Verification of enrollment as a full-time student
 - Verification of successful completion of 3 semesters of pharmacy education



DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:

DECEMBER 31, 2015

Please direct all application materials and questions to:

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