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## VALOR

Internship for Pharmacy Students

Beckley VA Medical Center



### What is VALOR?

VALOR, or Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunities Residency, for pharmacy students is an honors program that provides opportunities for outstanding students to develop competencies in pharmacy practice while working at an approved VA healthcare 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 clinical pharmacist preceptor.

### Beckley VA Medical Center Information

Established in 1951, the Beckley VA Medical Center Beckley VAMC is a 30-bed general medical and surgical care facility with a 50-bed community living center. The Medical Center is a Joint Commission accredited, rural access facility affiliated with the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. Beckley provides general and specialty medical, surgical, psychological, and ambulatory services to over 38,000 Veterans in an 11-county area of southern West Virginia. The Medical Center has two outpatient clinics: Greenbrier County VA Clinic and Princeton VA Clinic in Mercer County.

### Program Description

- Number of Positions: 1
- Appointment Period: Approximately 40 hours per week for 10 weeks during the summer months; potential for a two year commitment; anticipated start date May
- Areas may include: Outpatient/Inpatient Pharmacy, Formulary Management, Pharmacy Administration, Ambulatory Care (Anticoagulation, Primary Care, Home Based Primary Care, Mental Health, Pain Management), and Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Educational Opportunities: Medical Center and pharmacy orientation, projects, multidisciplinary team meetings, case/drug monograph presentations, topic discussions, book/journal clubs, patient education and medication counseling, shadow experiences, restricted drug request evaluations, adverse drug reaction reporting, chart reviews, progress note documentation, medication use evaluations

## Benefits

- Highly competitive salary
- Flexible; tailored to interest of student
- Exposure to federal pharmacy practice
- Potential to be hired above minimum entry salary after graduation
- Professional networking opportunities
- Veteran population with unique medical and psychological needs
- Experience both distributive and clinical VA pharmacy services

## Eligibility Criteria

- Completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> year of an accredited School or College of pharmacy
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on coursework taken in pharmacy school
- United States citizen
- Meet physical examination standards if selected
- Able to complete 400 hours May through September (40 hours per week for 10 weeks)
- Able to provide own housing

**NOTE: Students with a service obligation to any Federal, State, or private institution, or recipients of any Federal scholarships are ineligible**

## Application Process

- Completed applications must be post-marked by **February 26, 2016** to be considered
- By late March/early April, an interview will be extended to select applicants
- Application Packet should include:
  1. Cover letter
  2. Curriculum Vitae
  3. Official transcript
  4. Letter of nomination from the Dean/Director of School or College of Pharmacy verifying completion of second year of pharmacy school by May 2016, full-time status, and anticipated graduation within two years of VALOR entry
  5. Beckley VA Pharmacy VALOR application

## Contact

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