

Pharmacy VALOR Program VA Learning Opportunities Residency

Huntington VA Medical Center
Huntington, WV



VALOR Program

The Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunities Program (VALOR) is an honors program that provides opportunities for outstanding students to develop competencies in pharmacy practice while working at an approved VA healthcare facility. VALOR students are provided unique educational opportunities in a variety of areas including acute care, ambulatory care and administration. Students receive a competitive salary and gain exposure to federal pharmacy practice.

Program Overview

- Attend orientation to Medical Center and Pharmacy Services
- Attend Pharmacy Resident & Student Conferences
- Perform discharge medication reconciliation and patient education
- Complete clinical and administrative projects
- Spend additional time in areas of interest

Huntington VA Medical Center

The Huntington VA Medical Center is an 80-bed university affiliated medical center providing acute medical and surgical inpatient care as well as intermediate care services. Additionally, the medical center has an ambulatory care program consisting of both primary and specialized outpatient services which receives over 250,000 patient visits per year. The Pharmacy Service provides inpatient, outpatient and clinical pharmacy services. Pharmacists participate in the education of Pharmacy Practice Residents and students from area schools of pharmacy.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify, students must:

- Have successfully completed the second professional year at an Accreditation Council of Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) accredited Doctor of Pharmacy program
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale based on academic work accepted for credit towards a pharmacy degree
- Be able to complete a minimum of 400 hours over the summer as a pharmacy VALOR student in a VA facility
- Be a United States citizen, and meet physical examination standards at the time of entry in the Pharmacy VALOR program
- Not have a service obligation to any Federal, State, or private institution; or a recipient of any Federal scholarship that incurs a service obligation
- Be able to provide own housing

Application Process:

Completed application packets must be received by March 4th. Interviews will be required for final consideration.

Application packets must include:

- Letter of intent, addressing career goals and describing interest in the Pharmacy VALOR Program at Huntington
- Curriculum vitae
- Application for Federal Employment
<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850d-fill.pdf>
- Declaration for Federal Employment
http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of0306.PDF
- Official college transcripts
- Letter of recommendation from Dean/Director of School or College of Pharmacy
The letter should include the following: a nomination of the student to the program; verification of enrollment as a full-time student (as defined by the school); successful completion of the second year of pharmacy education (minimally fourth year of college education) by the time the student enters into the program; and anticipated graduation within two years after entry into the Pharmacy VALOR Program.

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