Veterans Affairs
Learning Opportunities Residency
Looking for an exciting 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, out-patient, and ambulatory care services. They have an extensive scope of practice, including prescriptive authority. Some of the areas of pharmacy practice VALOR students may have the opportunity to explore include:

- Anticoagulation
- Medication therapy management
- Inpatient
- Administration
- Psychiatry
- Pain management
- Hepatitis C
- and more!

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 VHSO medical center is a summer internship program to provide opportunities for outstanding pharmacy students to develop clinical pharmacy practice skills while working at a VA health care facility. There may be an opportunity to extend this internship into the school year as well. Students spend a total of 400 hours working with pharmacy residents, clinical pharmacists and clinical pharmacy specialists in a variety of pharmacy practice settings including:

**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 can shadow pharmacy residents and interview patients in a variety of disease-state management clinics such as anticoagulation, medication management, hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia, and heart failure.

**Formulary Management/ Administration** Students will participate in real world projects, relevant to patient health care at VHSO medical center.
**Why Participate?**

- VALOR interns gain competency in many areas of pharmacy. They have the chance to:
  - Identify various roles of pharmacists in the VA healthcare system
  - Interact with other healthcare providers
  - Experience a wide variety of potential roles for pharmacists
  - Apply the process for gathering data from patients and medical charts to formulate solutions to therapeutic problems. Appropriately document patient care activities
  - Apply clinical knowledge learned in the classroom to clinical practice situations.

**Who is Eligible?**

Students who...

- Are currently second year PharmD students at an accredited School of Pharmacy
- Are citizens of the United States and meet physical examination standards at the time of entry into the program
- 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
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average in professional curriculum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:
March 24, 2014