The Orlando VA Medical Center (OVAMC) Pharmacy Service invites highly motivated pharmacy students to apply for our competitive training experience. Our program will provide outstanding students the opportunity to experience both the clinical and management aspects of pharmacy at a rapidly growing VA Medical Center. This program will help facilitate the transition from pharmacy student to professional pharmacist.

Program Overview
Our Pharmacy VALOR scholar will be exposed to inpatient, outpatient, and administrative areas of clinical pharmacy practice. Opportunities for learning include didactic experiences as well as competency-based clinical practice with a qualified pharmacy preceptor. The following clinical areas may be included on a rotation: Inpatient (medical or surgical critical care units, emergency department/interim care, inpatient general medicine), Extended Care (nursing home, intermediate care), Primary Care (pharmacotherapy clinics, women’s health, home based primary care, outpatient pharmacy services), and Specialty Pharmacy.
(anticoagulation, cardiology, ESA/anemia, infectious disease, mental health, neurology, oncology, pain, transplant). Pay is very competitive with other pharmacy internships. Depending on rotation, during the summer months VALOR scholars usually work Monday to Friday, 8:00AM to 4:30PM. VALOR scholars invited to continue interning during the academic year must complete a minimum of 300 hours, which may include evening or weekend shifts.

We aim to provide the VALOR scholar an in-depth understanding of various roles of pharmacy personnel within the medication use system. Ultimately, the goal of this competitive program is to attract, train and retain exceptional clinical pharmacists who desire to build their career within the VA healthcare system.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Current 2nd year pharmacy students enrolled in an ACPE accredited Doctor of Pharmacy program
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in professional curriculum
- United States citizens
- Meet physical examination standards at the time of entry
- Ability to complete 400 internship hours the summer after 2nd professional year
  - If the appointment is extended during the 3rd professional year, interns must complete at least 300 internship hours
- Students are ineligible to apply if:
  - The student has a service obligation to any Federal, State, or private institution
  - The student receives a Federal scholarship that incurs a service obligation

**How to Apply**

The following must be emailed/post-marked by **March 1**:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Official college transcripts
- Letter from the Dean/Director of the School or College of Pharmacy which includes:
  - Nomination of the student
  - Verification of enrollment as full-time student
  - Successful completion (or upcoming completion) of 2 years of pharmacy education
  - Anticipated graduation within two years after entry into the Pharmacy VALOR Program
- Two letters of recommendation

By mid-March/early April, an interview will be extended to select applicants.

**Send completed applications to:**
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