VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) Internships

About the Program
The VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) Program is a student internship program designed to attract academically successful students in Doctor of Pharmacy programs to ultimately work at VA as clinical pharmacists after graduation. This program gives outstanding students the opportunity to develop competencies in clinical pharmacy at an approved VA healthcare facility. Opportunities for learning include didactic or classroom experiences and competency-based clinical practice with a qualified pharmacy preceptor. Students may be appointed on a full- or part-time basis during the summer months and may continue during their final academic year on a part-time basis. The aggregate hours that a student may be funded while in the program is 800 hours.

Eligibility and Qualifications
Students recruited for the program must have completed the second professional year in an Accreditation Council of Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) accredited Doctor of Pharmacy program. Students must 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. Students must also be able to complete a minimum of 400 hours 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.

Selection Process
Participants are selected locally by the VALOR coordinator at each VA Medical Center. Interested candidates must submit the following documents to each VA Medical Center where they wish to be considered for the VALOR program: 1. Application for Federal Employment (VA Form OF-306); 2. Curriculum vitae; 3. Official college transcripts; 4. A letter from the Dean/Director of the 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.

2019 Approved VALOR Sites

1. Albany, NY  
2. Albuquerque, NM  
3. Ann Arbor, MI  
4. Battle Creek, MI  
5. Beckley, WV  
6. Western NY (Buffalo)  
7. Canandaigua, NY  
8. Central Texas (Temple)  
9. Charleston, SC  
10. Cheyenne, WY  
11. Chicago, IL  
12. Cincinnati, OH  
13. Clarksburg, WV  
14. Cleveland, OH  
15. Columbia, SC  
16. North Texas (Dallas)  
17. Dayton, OH  
18. Denver, CO  
19. Durham, NC  
20. Central California (Fresno)  
21. Hines, IL  
22. Houston, TX  
23. Hudson Valley (Montrose, NY)  
24. Huntington, WV  
25. Illiana HCS (Danville, IL)  
26. Indianapolis, IN  
27. Kansas City, MO  
28. Las Vegas, NV  
29. Lexington, KY  
30. Lincoln, NE  
31. Loma Linda, CA  
32. Long Beach, CA  
33. Los Angeles, CA  
34. Madison, WI  
35. Martinez, CA  
36. Martinsburg, WV  
37. Maryland HCS (Baltimore)  
38. Miami, FL  
39. Milwaukee, WI  
40. Minneapolis, MN  
41. Montana (Mt. Harrison)  
42. Northern Indiana (Marion)  
43. North Chicago, IL  
44. Oklahoma City, OK  
45. Omaha, NE  
46. Orlando, FL  
47. Palo Alto, CA  
48. Poplar Bluff, MO  
49. Portland, OR  
50. Reno, NV  
51. Richmond, VA  
52. Roseburg, OR  
53. Saginaw, MI  
54. Salt Lake City, UT  
55. San Diego, CA  
56. Sheridan, WY  
57. South Texas (San Antonio)  
58. Southern Arizona (Tucson)  
59. Southwest CMOP (Tucson)  
60. Sioux Falls, SD  
61. Syracuse, NY  
62. West Palm Beach, FL  
63. White River Junction, VT  
64. Wilmington, DE