The Department of Veterans Affairs

John J. Pershing VA Medical Center

Poplar Bluff, MO

Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunity Residency (VALOR) Pharmacy Program

Summer 2018
VALOR PHARMACY PROGRAM MISSION

Provide patient-centered care to our Nation’s Veterans through facilitating educational opportunities for outstanding students to develop advanced skills in clinical pharmacy practice.

VALOR PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) Pharmacy Program is a national pre-residency program for pharmacy interns. The program is targeted towards individuals interested in a career in hospital-based pharmacy practice, either in the inpatient or ambulatory care setting. The goal of the VALOR program is to provide hands-on experience in various facets of hospital-based pharmacy practice, foster development of leadership skills and help prepare the intern for a residency program through advanced clinical training. For the 2017-2018 academic year, there is one VALOR position available at the John J. Pershing VA Medical Center.

FACILITY OVERVIEW

The John J. Pershing VA Medical Center is located in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. The medical center is a level-3 complexity facility and is comprised of a 40-bed Community Living Center (CLC) and 13 acute care medicine beds. The Community Living Center provides long-term, short-stay rehabilitation, short-stay skilled nursing, respite, and end-of-life care. The CLC complements the Community Placement Program as well. Primary care, ambulatory specialty care clinics, long-term care, mental health, telehealth, and community health/home care are offered at this facility. The facility has 7 Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) located in: Cape Girardeau, Farmington, Salem, Sikeston, and West Plains, Missouri; and Paragould and Pocahontas, Arkansas. The Medical Center provides healthcare services to more than 62,585 (Census data for 29 counties served by the JJP VAMC) Veterans whereby 27,176 Veterans are enrolled for care.
VALOR PHARMACY STUDENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Academic Detailing (Outreach Education)
- Anticoagulation
- Chronic Disease State Management (primarily CHF, DM, HTN, HLD)
- Community Living Center (Long-Term Care)
- Home-Based Primary Care
- Inpatient Pharmacy Services
- Health-System Management
- Mental Health
- Outpatient Pharmacy Services
- Pain Management

EXPECTATIONS OF VALOR STUDENTS

- Train in both clinical pharmacy and pharmacy operation settings
- Provide administrative assistance to Pharmacy Service
- Work closely with VALOR Program Coordinators to achieve VALOR Program goals

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of P2 year with a >3.0 GPA in core pharmacy curriculum of an ACPE accredited Doctor of Pharmacy program
- Must be a U.S. citizen and meet physical examination standards at the time of entry in the VALOR Pharmacy Program
- Must be able to complete a minimum of 400 hours—the majority (if not all) will be earned during the Summer months; additional hours may be accrued during the school year, if necessary
**SALARY**
- Will receive very competitive salary

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Submit the following via email to Stephanie.Berrong@va.gov

1. Letter of Intent (addressing qualifications, reason for applying, 1 strength, and 1 weakness)
2. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
3. DD-214 (if applicable)
4. Letter of recommendation from employment supervisor, preceptor, or faculty
5. Letter from the Dean or Assistant Dean nominating you and indicating completion of P2 year, full-time enrollment status, and anticipated graduation date
6. Electronic copy of college transcript(s)

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:**
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018**

**VALOR PROGRAM COORDINATORS:**

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