Interested Students Must:

1. Submit an Application for Federal Employment to the VA facility (VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System).

2. Provide a letter, on University letterhead, from the Dean/Director of the school or College of Pharmacy to the VA facility and include the following:
   - A recommendation for nomination to the Pharmacy VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) Program;
   - Verification of enrollment as a full-time student (as defined by the school); and
   - 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 in the Pharmacy VALOR Program.

3. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Note: The GPA must be computed on their professional training in the school or College of Pharmacy, or for work accepted for credit towards the pharmacy degree. While a student may have had a grade below “B” in a pharmacy course, the cumulative GPA for the core pharmacy courses may not be less than a 3.0. Only data on official transcripts will be used to determine grade qualifications. For students enrolled in a school or college of pharmacy that utilizes a pass/fail grading system, have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Note: The GPA must be computed on their professional training in the school or College of Pharmacy, or for work accepted for credit towards the pharmacy degree. While a student may have had a grade below “B” in a pharmacy course, the cumulative GPA for the core pharmacy courses may not be less than a 3.0. Only data on official transcripts will be used to determine grade qualifications. For students enrolled in a school or college of pharmacy that utilizes a pass/fail grading system there must be a recommendation from the Dean or Director of the academic program regarding the student's academic achievement to substantiate selection for the VALOR program.

4. Agree to complete up to 800 hours by April 2019.

5. Provide a personal letter addressing your interest in this program, demonstrated abilities, applicable experience or education, and any other activities or comments that enhance your qualifications.

6. Be a U.S. citizen and pass a pre-employment physical examination (provided by VA) at the time of entry in the Pharmacy VALOR Program. Students who furnish evidence of satisfactory physical condition based on a physical examination within the past 12 months will not be required to have a pre-employment physical examination. Evidence of PPD testing will also be required or testing will be done on station prior to arrival on unit.

This is a paid position!
Position Overview

The VALOR student will work in a variety of progressive pharmacy settings including inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory care. The VALOR student is expected to work with pharmacy leadership team on administrative projects as well as with pharmacy staff on routine pharmacy operations.

Application Procedure:
1. Submit an Application for Federal Employment (OF 612), Declaration for Federal Employment (OF306), cover letter (see #5 above), and a letter from the Dean/Director (see #2 above) to Jamie DePaepe, Human Resource Specialist, Department of Human Resources, VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, 975 Kirman Avenue, Reno, NV 89502-2597. Application documents can be downloaded at www.reno.va.gov/careers.

2. Request a copy of official transcripts including those that were used to transfer to the school of pharmacy and taken within the last five (5) years only. Have the colleges/universities send the transcripts directly to the above address.

Please visit www.usajobs.gov and search “VALOR” in “Reno, NV” for more information.

For More Information

For more information about the Pharmacy VALOR Program at VASNHCS please contact: Human Resources Specialist, at (775) 829-5630.

NOTE: Students with a service obligation to any Federal, state, or private institution, or recipients of any Federal scholarships including a VA Health Professional Scholarship are ineligible for the Pharmacy VALOR Program.

VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System
Pharmacy Service (119)
975 Kirman Avenue
Reno, NV 89502

“To care for him who shall have borne the battle and his widow and his orphan.”-Abraham Lincoln

About VASNHCS

VASNHCS is a state-of-the-art facility offering a full range of comprehensive health care services including medical, surgical, primary and mental health care. Our care extends beyond the Reno metropolitan area with community based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) in Auburn, Fallon, Minden, Susanville, and Winnemucca.

We are a 124-bed facility with an onsite 60-bed long term skilled Community Living Center affiliated with the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, the Idaho State University School of Pharmacy, and the Roseman University of Health Sciences. The medical center provides care to approximately 25,000 patients in Northern Nevada, Southern Oregon and Northeast California.

The hospital is also located on the Truckee River, minutes from Lake Tahoe, the Sierra Nevada mountains, and world-class class skiing. Reno offers an ideal climate for outdoor activities, many entertainment opportunities, and San Francisco, Napa Valley, and Yosemite are within a three-hour drive.

The progressive Pharmacy Service consists of 60+ full-time employees. Formal educational programs are offered for pharmacy residents and Pharm.D. students as well as residents and students from Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Surgery, Physician Assistant, Social Work, Psychology, Optometry and Nursing.

Inpatient pharmacists are actively involved in rounds, patient drug therapy design, implementation, and monitoring, inpatient anticoagulation adjustment, pharmacokinetics, TPN formulation, antimicrobial stewardship, geriatrics, discharge counseling, drug information, DUE/ADR reporting, and many other patient care functions. Outpatient Pharmacy distribution is accomplished by state-of-the-art robotics combined with local computer order entry. Pharmacists have prescriptive authority; including active management in a variety of primary care areas.

In addition, pharmacists are considered providers for the following patient care activities: anticoagulation, hypertension, ID, Hepatitis C, diabetes, dyslipidemia, triage, HIV, GI, oncology clinics, some specialty, ED and some Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT).