What is the Pharmacy VALOR program?

VALOR is an honors program that provides opportunities for outstanding students to develop competencies in pharmacy practice while working at an approved VA healthcare facility. The VALOR program focuses on the development of skills and knowledge required for pharmacy practice by providing competency based practice experiences under the supervision of a clinical pharmacy preceptor.

VALOR student positions available: Two (2)

Areas Include:

- Formulary Management
- Pharmacy Administration
- Internal Medicine
- Telehealth
- Inpatient Pharmacy (unit dose/IU/discharge
- Outpatient Pharmacy
- Drug Information Questions
- Quality Improvement Projects

Educational Opportunities:

- Medical Center & Pharmacy Resident Participation
- Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
- Multidisciplinary Team Meetings
- Grand Rounds
- Case Presentations/Journal Clubs
- Medication Use Evaluation Tracking
- VA Adverse Drug Event Reporting System
Benefits:

• Highly competitive Salary
• Exposure to Federal Pharmacy Practice
• Potential to be hired above minimum entry salary post graduation

Appointment:

40 hours per week for 10 weeks during the summer months

Salary:

Salary equal to 80 percent of the local VA facility’s per annum general schedule salary rate for GS-9, Step 1 (~ $20/hr)

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Completion of the second year of an accredited School or College of Pharmacy
2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on coursework taken in pharmacy school
3. United States Citizen
4. Meet physical examination standards if selected
5. Able to complete 400 hours from June 1 to September 30
6. Able to provide own housing

NOTE: Students with a service obligation to any Federal, State, or Private Institution, or recipients of any Federal scholarships are ineligible

Application Packet Should Include:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Official school of pharmacy transcript
3. Letter of nomination from the Dean/Director of School or College of Pharmacy to verify the following:
   • Nomination of the student to the program
   • Verification of enrollment as a full-time student
   • Successful completion of the second year of pharmacy education by the start of VALOR program
   • Anticipated graduation within two years after entry into the Pharmacy VALOR program
4. Dayton VA application for Health Professions Trainees (Form # 10-2850D) found at: www.va.gov/vaforms/
5. Essay indicating career goals and objectives for seeking VALOR honors summer internship

Interviews will be scheduled based on evaluation of the written application.

*Application materials for Pharmacy VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) program must be post-marked by January 15th and addressed to:

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