Veterans Affairs Learning Opportunities Residency Pharmacy (VALOR) Program

Sioux Falls VA Health Care System
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Application Packet Should Include:
- Cover Letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Official College Transcript
- Completed Application for Federal Employment

Program Overview:
This is an exciting honors internship program designed to provide outstanding students with opportunities to develop competencies in a clinical setting. The VALOR program focuses on the development of valuable skills necessary to practice in a clinical pharmacy practice setting. It is designed like a residency program to allow students to gain a comprehensive education while maintaining a focus in Ambulatory Care.

Core Rotations Include:
- Outpatient Ambulatory Care Clinic
- Internal Medicine
- Inpatient and OutpatientDispensing
- Long-Term Care
- Mental Health
- Pharmacy Administration
- Formulary Management

* Students with a service obligation to any federal, state, or private institution, or recipients of any federal scholarships are ineligible for the VALOR program.
**Educational Opportunities:**

- Clinical projects related to each rotation
- Drug information requests
- Journal club
- Staffing in central pharmacy
- Various shadowing experiences specific to the student’s interests
- Multidisciplinary team meetings
- SOAP notes for disease state management and anticoagulation
- Case presentations
- Drug use evaluations
- Adverse drug event reporting
- Opportunities to give presentations, teach group clinics, and write/present continuing education
- Clinical and diagnostic test observation
- Internal medicine rounds
- Pharmacy department management

**Benefits:**

- Accrued annual and sick leave
- No weekends or holidays required
- Potential to work up to another 400 hours throughout the fiscal year if the facility is given additional funding

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Completion of the second year of an accredited School or College of Pharmacy
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on coursework taken in pharmacy school
- United States citizen
- Meet physical examination standards if selected
- Ability to complete 400 hours

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