VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) Program is designed to attract academically successful students of Doctor of Pharmacy programs to work at VA as registered pharmacists. This program gives outstanding students the opportunity to develop competencies in clinical pharmacy while at an approved VA health care facility.

The Milwaukee VALOR program is awarded 400 hours per VALOR position. Most students will complete their 400 hours during the summer between their second and third year of Pharmacy school.

FAQs
Q: What areas will the VALOR students be working in?
A: The program offers a well-balanced pharmacy experience in both ambulatory and acute care settings, providing the student with a variety of learning opportunities. Examples of areas students may experience include primary care, internal medicine, mental health, infectious disease, hematology/oncology, critical care, nutrition, cardiology, spinal cord injury, and home-based primary care.

Q: What types of things will the VALOR students be doing?
A: VALOR students work directly with Clinical Pharmacy Specialists and engage in patient care activities, such as medication therapy management, medication reconciliations, and discharge counseling. In addition, VALOR participants will enhance their administrative and communication skills through medication use evaluations, journal clubs, topic discussions, and other various projects.

Q: Will the employee be eligible for benefits (e.g. health insurance)?
A: No, VALOR students are not eligible for benefits.

Q: Will VALOR students receive paid holidays?
A: No, VALOR students will only receive pay for hours worked.

Q: Is housing available for VALOR students?
A: No, housing is not available. VALOR students are responsible for their own accommodations.

Q: What hours are the VALOR students expected to work?
A: VALOR students will work Monday through Friday, typically from 7:30AM - 4:00PM.
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 or program with candidate status.
- 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 maximum 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:

Interested candidates will need to submit the following documents:

1. Letter of Intent. The letter should state the applicant’s goals for participating in the VALOR program. It should also include any special qualifications or talents the applicant brings to the VALOR program.

2. Application for Federal Employment (VA Form OF-306)

3. Curriculum Vitae (CV)

4. Official School/College of Pharmacy transcript

5. Support from the Dean of the College of Pharmacy. (The Deans at the Colleges of Pharmacy with whom we most often work have been briefed regarding the VALOR program. The applicant is to request from their Dean support of their application.)

Due to the time limited appointment, onsite interviews will not be required. Phone interviews may be conducted.

Interested parties should submit their application materials by March 1, 2020 to:

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