

Student Programs

In the U.S. Public Health Service

Senior Rotations

Currently IHS, FDA, SAMHSA and BOP offer extern rotations to senior pharmacy students. PHS programs have a total of 52 extern agreements with 50 schools of pharmacy. Students interested in externship assignments should contact their school externship/rotation coordinator. If the school does not have an agreement with the desired program, or to try another location, have the rotation coordinator contact the appropriate program manager. The names and numbers of the program managers are listed under at <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/contacts.html>. The FDA has provided a site specifically for students to apply for rotations as part of their experiential training program: <http://www.fda.gov/cder/Offices/DDI/pharmstudent.htm> Go to these web sites for a listing of the programs available:

BOP <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/rotationsites.html>

Coast Guard <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/rotationsites.html#g>

FDA <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/rotationsites.html#da>

IHS <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/rotationsites.html#hs>

NIH <http://www.hhs.gov/pharmacy/rotationsites.html#ih>

Indian Health Service Residency Program

The **Indian Health Service** offers ASHP accredited residencies in pharmacy practice, ambulatory care, and primary care. More information about IHS pharmacy residencies is available at the [Indian Health Service Pharmacy web site](http://www.pharmacy.ihs.gov). (www.pharmacy.ihs.gov)

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Junior COSTEP

The PHS offers excellent opportunities for pharmacy students for paid employment for periods of 31 to 120 days throughout the academic year through the **Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (COSTEP)**. Junior COSTEP allows students to serve in assignments at any time during the year; however, the majority of students are hired for the summer months. They are not obligated to serve in the Commissioned Corps after graduation, but may decide to serve

an extended active-duty assignment after they complete their professional education.

COSTEP participants earn over \$3,000 per month, plus travel costs and other benefits. This program is highly competitive and the number of individuals selected is based upon the needs of PHS programs. Applications for summer employment are due December 31st. For more information or an application visit:

<http://www.usphs.gov/student/jrcostep.aspx>

Senior COSTEP

In the **Senior COSTEP program**, students are assisted financially during their final year of pharmacy school in return for an agreement to work for the PHS after graduation. The student is appointed as an active-duty PHS officer during the senior year and receives monthly pay and allowances as an Ensign (O-1) grade officer (over \$3,000 per month). During this time, the student accrues time towards retirement, as well as vacation time. The student agrees to work for the program that provided the financial support for twice the time sup-

ported following graduation. Minimum enrollment is 8 months. You also may receive additional payment for tuition and fees, depending upon funds availability from your sponsoring organization. This program is also very competitive. Applications for Senior COSTEP are due December 31st of the junior year. For more information or an application visit:

<http://www.usphs.gov/student/srcostep.aspx>