

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center is a tertiary care facility classified as a Clinical Referral Level II Facility. It is a teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient care services, with state-of-the-art technology as well as education and research. Comprehensive health care is provided through primary and tertiary care in the areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurology, oncology, dentistry and geriatrics. The Jesse Brown VA Medical Center has active affiliations with the Northwestern University Medical School and the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. Over 900 University residents, interns, and students are trained each year.

Clinical pharmacy services at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center are provided by pharmacists employed by the VA and the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy. Decentralized clinical pharmacists provide pharmaceutical care to the inpatient population. Ambulatory care involvement includes pharmacy-managed clinics, as well as participation in interdisciplinary primary care clinics with physicians, nurses and dietitians. Clinical faculty are widely recognized for practice, teaching and research excellence. Jesse Brown VA Medical Center is a major site for clinical practice training for University of Illinois College of Pharmacy Pharm.D. Candidates.

The VALOR student program in the area of pharmacy administration will provide Doctorate of Pharmacy students with a broad range of experience in pharmacy management and leadership practice under the coordination of a proven pharmacy management team. The program administrator will be the Chief of Pharmacy.

The primary mission of the VALOR program in pharmacy administration is to develop leadership and management skills and provide a cadre of qualified future leaders and managers as part of succession planning. An integral part of the training will be accomplished by a mentoring/mentee relationship between the student and the Chief of Pharmacy. The training will be hands-on experiential learning. Emphasis will be on the adult learning model and development of self-assessment by the student, with guidance and constructive, frequent feedback from the Chief of Pharmacy and the qualified team of preceptors.

Examples of past VALOR projects include:

- Controlled Substance Memorandum for the Medical Center
- Presentations at P&T:
  - ISMP Updates
  - Medication Event Reports
  - Trigger Drug Reports
- Internal Pharmacy Policies



## Jesse Brown VA Medical Center

820 South Damen Ave.  
Chicago Illinois 60612

Located in the Chicago Medical District



## Valor Student Program: Pharmacy Administration

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## **VALOR STUDENT PROGRAM: PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION**

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The purpose of this VALOR student training is to prepare the student for a residency position with a concentration in management or to prepare the student to potentially attain, in the future, an entry level management position in either the clinical pharmacy or operations. This can be achieved by developing a knowledge base centered on enhancing patient care along with safe, efficient medication use within the framework of pharmacy administration and leadership.

Successful students from this VALOR program will demonstrate the ability to develop, implement, maintain, and monitor operational and clinical pharmacy services. Skills will include strategic planning, personal mastery, communication, fiscal management, regulatory compliance, performance improvement, and evidence based medication use.

The VALOR student program in the area of pharmacy administration will be sponsored and supported by the Pharmacy Department of the Jesse Brown VAMC (JBVAMC) in Chicago, Illinois. The VALOR program will allow us to attract and train future pharmacy leaders. This is critical for developing future pharmacy leaders for not only JBVAMC but also the national VA system.

### **Description:**

Program Type Category	VALOR training Student Pharmacy Technician
Duration: months	12 months
Number of Positions:	1
Application Deadline:	<b>March 19, 2012</b>
Starting Date:	June 2012

Benefits include: Vacation and sick leave accrual

Estimated Stipend:  
Salary equal to 80 percent of the local VA facility's per annum salary rate for GS-9, Step 1 on the GENERAL SCHEDULE

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Completed Second Pharmacy Professional Year (Completed P-2 Year)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- U.S. Citizenship
- Successful physical examination standards at the time of entry

### **Requirements for consideration of application include:**

- Completed Second Pharmacy Professional Year (Completed P-2 Year)
  - U.S. Citizenship
  - Application
  - Letter of intent
  - Current Curriculum Vitae
  - Official College transcripts
  - One letter of recommendation
  - On-site interview
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