

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.

Opportunities for learning include didactic or classroom experiences, competency-based clinical practice with a qualified pharmacy preceptor, and participation in pharmacy-focused clinical conferences.

Students may be appointed on a full- or part-time basis during the summer months and may continue during their final academic year on a part-time basis. The aggregate hours that a student may be funded while in the program is 800 hours.

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.

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 minimum 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

HRRO approves the number of funded positions; however, selection of participants is done at the local level by the medical center VALOR coordinator. Interested candidates will need to submit the following documents to each VA medical center where they wish to be considered for the VALOR program:

1. Application for Federal Employment (VA Form OF-306)
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Official college transcripts

4. A letter from the Dean/Director of the School or College of Pharmacy. *The letter should include the following: a nomination of the student to the program; verification of enrollment as a full-time student (as defined by the school); successful completion of the second year of pharmacy education (minimally fourth year of college education) by the time the student enters into the program; and anticipated graduation within two years after entry into the Pharmacy VALOR Program.*

2013 PHARMACY VALOR PROGRAM SITES

Albany, NY	Durham, NC	Los Angeles, CA	Saint Louis, MO
Albuquerque, NM	El Paso, TX	Madison, WI	Salem, VA
Ann Arbor, MI	Fayetteville, AR	Martinez, CA	San Diego, CA
Baltimore, MD	Fresno, CA	Martinsburg, WV	San Francisco, CA
Battle Creek, MI	Hines, IL	Miami, FL	Seattle, WA
Black Hills, SD	Honolulu, HI	Milwaukee, WI	Sioux Falls, SD
Bronx, NY	Houston, TX	Minneapolis, MN	Syracuse, NY
Buffalo, NY	Huntington, WV	Montrose, NY	Temple, TX
Canandaigua, NY	Indianapolis, IN	North Chicago, IL	Topeka, KS
Charleston, SC	Jackson, MS	Oklahoma City, OK	Tucson, AZ
Cheyenne, WY	Kansas City, MO	Omaha, NE	Tucson, AZ (CMOP)
Chicago, IL	Lebanon, PA	Palo Alto, CA	West Palm Beach, FL
Clarksburg, WV	Leeds, MA	Philadelphia, PA	White River Junction, VT
Dallas, TX	Lexington, KY	Portland, OR	Wilmington, DE
Danville, IL	Lincoln, NE	Reno, NV	
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