Attention Motivated Pharmacy Students!

Looking to gain clinical experience in an inpatient setting? The VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) program wants you! The Salt Lake City VA VALOR program will give you first-hand experiences and real-world training to prepare you for a successful career in clinical pharmacy.

**Brief Overview:** The VALOR program is a 1-year pharmacy internship honors program beginning at the completion of the student’s 2nd professional year. The student intern will complete 400 hours during the summer months and an additional 400 hours during his or her third professional pharmacy year.

**Activities:**
- Develop pharmaceutical care plans and reconcile medications for patients admitted to the hospital
- Respond to drug information requests
- Perform inpatient pharmacy activities including sterile and non-sterile compounding, medication distribution, and operation of automated technology
- Provide patient education for anticoagulation, insulin, and other medication teaching
- Contribute to emergency department care activities
- Perform formulary management activities such as medication use evaluation

**Requirements:**
- Interest in acute-care pharmacy, specifically related to the VA patient population
- Completion of 2nd professional year in an accredited college of pharmacy at time of program start
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 point scale, computed based on professional school coursework)
- Available to complete 400 hours between the dates of May 15, 2019 – September 30, 2019
- Available to complete an additional 400 hours between October 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020
- Submission of an application for federal employment and eligibility for hire including:
  - US Citizen without service obligation to any federal, state, or private institution

**Application Process:**
- Submit the following by **March 4th, 2019**
  - Application for Health Professions Trainees [https://www.va.gov/oaa/app-forms.asp](https://www.va.gov/oaa/app-forms.asp)
  - Transcript from School of Pharmacy
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Letter of Intent – 1 page maximum
  - Letter of recommendation from licensed, practicing pharmacist who knows the student at a professional level (may be emailed directly/separately)

**Send all completed application materials TOGETHER to:**
Kyle Cline, PharmD, BCPS
VALOR Program Coordinator
Kyle.Cline@va.gov
Frequently asked questions:

- Will I be paid for my hours?
  - Yes, the VALOR program is a paid internship with competitive hourly wages

- Can I still participate if I cannot complete the minimum hours?
  - Unfortunately, if you are unable to complete 400 hours between May 15th and Sept 30th you are ineligible for the VALOR program. This averages to approximately 22 hours each week. There is flexibility in the schedule and opportunity for condensed scheduling during the summer months. We can accommodate many scheduling issues, please contact us directly if you have specific concerns.

- What percentage of my time will I spend on technical responsibilities in inpatient pharmacy?
  - Unless the student specifically requests additional training, less than 25% of the student’s allotted hours will be spent in inpatient pharmacy/distributive responsibilities

- What type of population is served at the SLC VA?
  - The SLC VA serves a diverse patient population and provides a variety of pharmacy services. This includes geriatrics, mental health, cardiology, rehab, emergency medicine, internal medicine, and a variety of surgical services.

- What populations are not served by the SLC VA?
  - The SLC VA does not provide pediatric services and has limited obstetrics/gynecology services. If you are especially interested in these patient populations we would advise finding non-VA internship opportunities

- Can I apply as a student prior to my 2nd professional year (current 1st year students)?
  - No, the student must have completed their 2nd professional year, or equivalent hours in a year-round program

- Can I apply as a student entering my final professional year?
  - Technically yes, but realistically it is not possible to coordinate the hours requirements with advanced pharmacy practice rotations.

Please contact VALOR program coordinator with any additional questions

**Application Deadline: March 4th, 2019**

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