The VALOR / Extern Program was established in 2008 and provides opportunities for outstanding students to develop competencies in the clinical nurse setting while *Caring for America’s Heroes*. The program offers participants a variety of learning opportunities including didactic/classroom experiences, simulation, introduction to Evidence Based Practice in relationship to clinical practice, and a competency-based clinical experience with a qualified preceptor.

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

The practice of each VALOR / Extern student is based on skill, experience, and research and has both a direct and an indirect impact on client outcomes for the assigned area and the facility as a whole.
OUR MISSION:
To honor America’s Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well being.

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY
• Successful completion of Junior year in an NLNAC or CCNE accredited BSN program
• Must be able to complete 400 hours in the summer (40 hours/week for 10 consecutive weeks) and 400 hours from October to May, for a program total of 800 hours
• 3.0 GPA or above
• Be a U.S. citizen and meet physical examination standards at the time of entry in the VALOR/Extern Program
• Motivated to learn

OUR VISION:
To be a patient centered integrated health care organization for veterans providing excellence in health care, research and education; an organization where people choose to work; an active community partner and a back-up for National emergencies.

APPLICATION PACKAGE
What to include:
• Cover letter
• Unofficial transcript from all colleges attended
• Resumé/portfolio
• 3 recommendation letters (one from a Junior Clinical Instructor)
• If applicant is an SNT, recommendation letter must be from a VA Staff Nurse
• Send packet to Program Coordinator

Incomplete applications will not be processed

For more information the VALOR / Extern Program contact the VA staff listed on the back of this brochure.