



Pursue a Future As a Medical Lab Scientist at VA Through the VA Student Trainee Experience Program (VA-STEP)

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Discover the
VA Student Trainee Experience Program (VA-STEP)
(formerly known as VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR))

VA-STEP serves as a first step to gain employment with the VA after graduation. The student is employed as a trainee earning a salary while they learn to develop understanding, confidence and competencies in the care of our nations Veterans at a local VA facility under the supervision of a mentor.



**U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**
Veterans Health
Administration

VA *medical laboratory scientist* ensure that Veterans receive the high-quality care they need and deserve.

Their exceptional care involves performing tests, evaluating the results and providing ongoing assessment using independent judgement. Medical Laboratory Scientist help solve complex challenges as intergral members of Veteran-centered care teams.

VA-STEP is a program for aspiring medical laboratory scientist seeking fulfilling careers improving the lives of those who've served our nation.

REQUIREMENTS

VA Student Trainee Experience Program



Eligible Applicants

- 👍 U.S. citizens by birth or naturalization (U.S. Veterans are considered first among all equally qualified candidates).
- 👍 Current Medical Laboratory Scientist students who have completed or are within one semester of completing the junior year of their bachelor's degree program from a nationally accredited school for Clinical Laboratory Sciences or generic equivalent Medical Laboratory Scientist program.

- 👍 Be willing to undergo a background / suitability investigation.
- 👍 Be willing to come work for the VA after graduation.
- 👍 Students will need to be available to work 400 hours prior to graduation from their education program.
- 👍 Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.00 on 4.00 scale
- 👍 Not obligated to work somewhere outside the VA after graduation.
- 👍 Currently in Good Academic Standing (as defined by the school the student is attending) leading to graduation and ASCP or AMT certification.

Learn More

- **APPLY** to VA-STEP here: <https://va-ams.intelliworx.com/webapp/register/va-step/facility-applicant.view>

Are you interested in a one-year tuition scholarship, a monthly stipend, and a one time book stipend payment while in VA-STEP, apply for the VA Health Profession Scholarship Program (HPSP).

In return for the support, VA will require a 2-year service obligation in a full time Medical Lab Scientist positions post graduation, certification, and residency completion.



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