

## Pharmacy



### A Career in Pharmacy

VA Pharmacy professionals provide a unique and important service in delivering quality health care to Veterans. Positions include Pharmacy Service Chiefs, Staff/Clinical Pharmacists, Clinical Pharmacy Specialists and Pharmacy Technicians. From managing day-to-day pharmacy operations to direct consultation with patients and the health care team, pharmacy professionals serve as the medication experts. These individuals are responsible for providing safe and effective medication management for Veterans.

### Pharmacist

The Pharmacist series includes positions that involve professional and scientific work in the pharmacy field. This work typically involves mixing drugs prescribed by physicians, dentists and other licensed practitioners to meet the unique needs of patients. Individuals serving in these positions are responsible for the preparation, bulk compounding, selection and dispensing of drugs, medicines and chemicals. They research and investigate new drugs, compounds, formulas and delivery vehicles and advise on drug therapy and usage. Positions include:

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Resident/  
Pharmacy Fellow

### Medical and Health Student Trainee

The student trainee series in each Occupational Group includes all trainee positions that involve periods of related formal education and periods of employment in a federal agency. The education and employment must be part of a formal student employment program. The level of education and experience completed by the student is a major consideration in establishing the level of on-the-job training and work assignments during periods of employment. This series definition applies to the XX99 student trainee series for each Occupational Group. Student trainee positions should be classified to the XX99 series for the appropriate Occupational Group (0099, 0199, 1599, etc.).

All positions classified to a student trainee series should be titled "Student Trainee" and followed by a parenthetical title consistent with the occupational field involved, such as Student Trainee (Human Resources Management), Student Trainee (Psychology), Student Trainee (Civil Engineering). Positions include:

- Pharmacy Intern

### MyCareer@VA

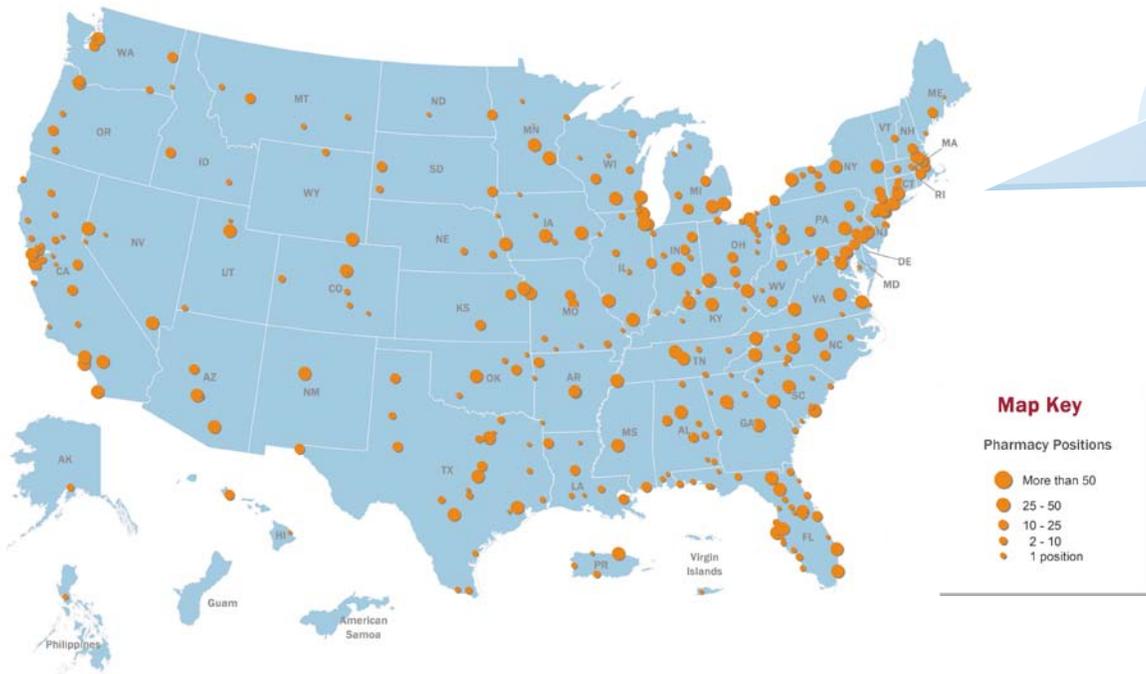
VA is committed to career development and supports employees' ambitions to grow, learn and advance. Building a career at VA is a partnership, and we are dedicated to providing you the career resources and materials you need to achieve success.

The MyCareer@VA program delivers interactive and engaging career development tools to help you explore and chart your long-term career path within VA.

### Pharmacy Technician

The Pharmacy Aid/Technician series includes positions that involve technical support work in a pharmacy under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. The work requires applied knowledge of pharmaceutical nomenclature, procedures and techniques to assist pharmacists with managing orders and maintaining inventory and quality control. Employees in this series must understand characteristics, strengths and dosage forms of pharmaceuticals. They are responsible for the operation and care of pharmacy equipment and the execution of pharmaceutical procedures and techniques. Positions include:

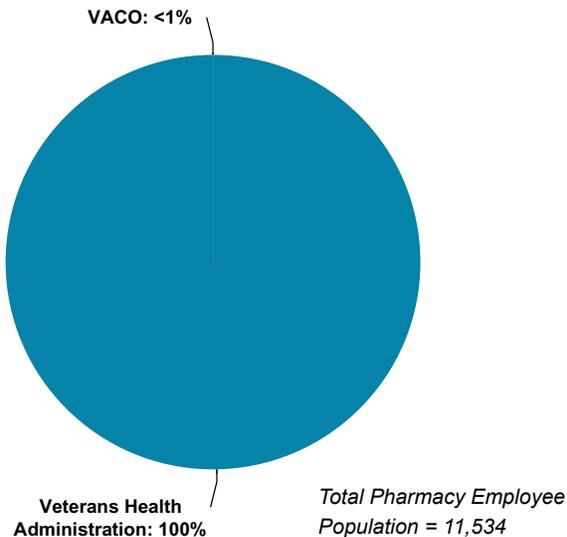
- Pharmacy Aid/Technician



## Pharmacy Job Locations

VA's Pharmacy positions are dispersed across 347 cities within the United States. The top five Pharmacy occupational family geographic locations are Hines, Ill.; Dallas, Texas; Gainesville, Fla.; Chicago, Ill.; and Tucson, Ariz.

## VA Pharmacy Job Distribution



VA's Pharmacy positions are located in the Veterans Health Administration and VACO to meet the broad range of needs facing the Department.

## MyCareer@VA Tools and Resources

- ▲ **Career Planning Process** - Develop professional goals and align developmental experiences to VA career opportunities through a four-phase process: Prepare, Plan, Explore and Develop
- ▲ **My Career Mapping Tool** - Map your long-term career path at VA by exploring career possibilities that leverage your knowledge, skills and experience across multiple occupational families
- ▲ **My Career Fit Tool** - Discover your career "fit" at VA by identifying your work interests and work environment preferences
- ▲ **VA Career Guides** - Explore the knowledge, skills, education and training recommended for each VA job and related career levels

VA employees can also visit the VA Talent Management System (TMS), a state-of-the-art online training and employee development system, to search and register for training courses and learning opportunities.