



Army Nurse Corps United States Army ROTC Program



The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) provides an opportunity for college nursing students to receive practical, hands-on leadership experience. The courses provide a chance for students to develop management, communication and decision-making skills in a non-threatening environment. Physical training and confidence-building activities (i.e. rappelling, obstacle courses) also provide a chance for students to be physically and mentally challenged.

Students who are interested in obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) may enroll in ROTC. Students may enroll as a freshman, sophomores or as late as an entering college juniors. Upon completion of the program, students obtain nursing experience as commissioned officers in the United States Army.

Financial Benefits

Scholarship Students: 2, 3, and 4 year scholarships are available to nursing students.

All scholarships provide:

∴ **Full Tuition**

∴ Books: \$900 per year

∴ Graduated stipend (Freshmen- \$300, Sophomores- \$350, Juniors- \$450, Seniors- \$500 per month, tax-free, during the school year)

∴ University incentives: Check with the campus ROTC Department for further details.

Criteria for Scholarships:

- ~ United States Citizenship
- ~ High School Graduate with a minimum GP A of 2.5
- ~ Minimum SAT of 920 or ACT of 19
- ~ Physically fit and medically qualified
- ~ Under 31 years of age on 31 December of the year you graduate from college
- ~ Good moral character

Non-Scholarship Students: Students can participate in ROTC without a scholarship and will receive a stipend for the academic year during their junior and senior year.

Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP)

NSTP is an optional clinical elective conducted the summer between your Junior and Senior year. Over 10 hospitals in the United States, Germany, and Hawaii are NSTP sites. During NSTP you will be introduced to the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of a new officer in the Army Nurse Corps. NSTP provides progressive experience and leadership opportunities in a clinical setting while working side by side with an Army Nurse.

Educational Benefits

Upon completion of your degree requirements, you will spend 2-4 years gaining a foundation in safe nursing practice. After this time, you may apply for fully-funded graduate school. The Army will pay your tuition, give you up to 24 months to complete your program (as a full time student), and pay your salary during this time. Graduate level study is open to Nurse Anesthesia, Nurse Midwifery, Family Nurse Practitioner, Healthcare Administration, Informatics, and a host of Clinical Nurse Specialist fields.

Service Obligation

Scholarship Recipients: Your total service obligation will be eight years (of which the first four years are active duty). At the completion of the first four years, you may elect to continue on active duty or enter the Army Reserves for the remaining four years.

Non-scholarship Recipients: Your total service obligation will also be eight years, but the active duty commitment is only three years. At the completion of the first three years, you may elect to continue on active duty or enter the Army Reserves for the remaining five years.

For more information or questions regarding ROTC, please contact the Gateway Battalion Enrollment Officer. For information on nursing in the United States Army, please contact the ROTC Brigade Nurse Counselor.

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Army Nursing - The ROTC Edge

Leadership with Compassion

Graduate Education Opportunities

Two-year ROTC nursing scholarships are available for Registered Nurses obtaining a graduate degree in specific nursing specialties and for second degree students, with no nursing background, in an entry-level program that awards a master of science in nursing (MSN). To obtain information about the approved areas of study and ROTC opportunities, contact an Army Nurse Corps Officer or a local ROTC program.

Specialized Nursing Opportunities

Earning your BSN is an achievement for which you can be proud. Since nursing is a dynamic profession, your skills and professional knowledge must be constantly updated. The Army Nurse Corps is committed to providing opportunities that will enhance your abilities, interests and knowledge. As an Army Nurse, you may apply for specialty courses such as:

Critical Care Nursing- This 16-week course prepares nurses to take care of critically ill patients in a variety of critical care settings. Course content includes the necessary knowledge and clinical skills, teaching techniques, and the principles of management of the critical care setting.

Emergency Nursing Course- This 16-week course prepares nurses to function as entry-level emergency nurses. The course will focus on responsibilities, nursing care, teaching role, principles and techniques of staff supervision and management of patients across the life span in an emergency setting. Portions of this course are jointly instructed with the Critical Care Nursing Course.

Perioperative Nursing- This 16-week course will prepare you to function as first-level staff nurse in the operating room (OR). It also focuses on the OR nurse's responsibilities in the preparation and sterilization of supplies/equipment; special fields of surgery; and the principles and techniques of management of the operating room.

Obstetrical and Gynecological Nursing- This 16-week course is designed to provide the necessary knowledge and clinical skills to deliver inpatient and ambulatory nursing care to pregnant women, newborn infants, and patients with gynecological problems.

Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing-This 22-week course will prepare you with the necessary knowledge and clinical skills to deliver care and treatment to psychiatric patients.

Community Health Nursing- The 9-week Principles of Military Preventive Medicine course is designed to provide the entry-level skills and knowledge in preventive medicine specialty areas. Content includes community health practices, communicable and infectious diseases, epidemiology, statistics, medical entomology, industrial hygiene, health physics, sanitary engineering, and environmental science as well as various specialty modules.

ADVANTAGES OF ARMY ROTC

Experience - You will not find anywhere else the kind of direct, hands-on experience you will receive in ROTC training. You will be given significant responsibilities early in your career.

Leadership - An officer is a leader. That's why leadership and management are stressed as part of the ROTC nursing program. The Army provides nursing students with unique training to develop the skills that will help you take command.

Advancement - There is no mystery about how to get ahead in the Army Nurse Corps. Promotions are based on performance, and the career path is clear-cut. You will be given the opportunity to progress in rank as your nursing proficiency and effective leadership traits are demonstrated.

Professional Environment - As an Army Nurse, you are an important member of the health care team. You've been given the training to meet problems head-on and solve them quickly, adapting to the situation and taking charge. You are a thinker and decision maker, earning the respect of your colleagues and the people who work for you.

"At clinicals, when you go to emergency room (ER), you're only an observer. But when you go to the ER during the ROTC nurse summer training, you get hands-on experience. I was able to draw blood, start IV's, and do assessments. There's no limit to what you can learn. I'm looking forward to being an officer because being a leader and being able to take initiative are part of being a good nurse."

*Paige Schnake
St. Louis University
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Army Nursing

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ARMY NURSE vs. CIVILIAN PROFESSIONAL

Army RN salary including housing & subsistence allowance based on 2005 salaries: Starting: \$36,101.88 After 2 Years: \$45,951.48 After 4 Years: \$56,722.68

Civilian average starting salary for RN's in the St. Louis Area: \$35,360. Pay raises uncertain.

Compare Your Future

CIVILIAN JOB

Two weeks a year

Possible insurance

Limited

At own expense

At own expense

At own expense

At own expense

Social Security at age 62

Varies by location and administration

Civilian Store

At own expense

VACATION

MEDICAL CARE

SICK LEAVE

DENTAL CARE

VACATION TRAVEL

RECREATION

EDUCATION

RETIREMENT

ADVANCEMENT

SHOPPING

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE BETWEEN DUTY STATIONS

U.S. ARMY

30 days a year

Furnished

Unlimited, with full pay

Furnished

Free on military flights, 3/4 fare on commercial flights

Officer's clubs, golf courses, movies, bowling alleys at reduced rates. Many people of similar age and educational backgrounds.

All tuition paid M.S. programs. 100% tuition Reimbursement for part-time school.

20 year retirement, 50% of base salary at time of Retirement, 30 year 75% of base salary, plus SS at age 65

Regular promotions, 24 months or less; CPT in 2 more years; automatic longevity raises every 2 years.

Up to 20% savings on prices at post exchanges (dept store) and 25% savings on commissary prices (groceries).

All household goods and furniture moved at government expense. Plane fare, mileage if you do it yourself

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FY 2005 Army Nurse Corps
Assignment Options**

STATE	LOCATION	MEDICAL FACILITY	Average Occupied Beds	Multi-Service	ER	ICU	OR	OB/GYN/Baby	NICU	PSYCH	CHN	Specialty Training
Medical Centers												Courses
DC	Washington	Walter Reed AMC	260	X	X	X	X	Bethesda	Bethesda	X	X	ICU, PSYCH
GA	Ft. Gordon	DD Eisenhower AMC	112	X	X	X	X			X	X	
HI	Honolulu	Tripier AMC	181	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	OB/GYN
NC	Ft. Bragg	Womack AMC	81	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
TX	Ft. Bliss	W Beaumont AMC	99	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	OR
TX	Ft. Sam Houston	Brooke AMC	163	X	X	X	X				X	OR, ICU, ER, CHN
WA	Ft. Lewis	Madigan AMC	129	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	OR,ICU
GER	Landstuhl	Landstuhl AMC	85	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Community Hospitals												
AK	Ft. Wainwright	Bassett ACH	11	X	X		X	X			X	
CA	Ft. Irwin	Weed ACH	7	X	X		X	X			X	
CO	Ft. Carson	Evans ACH	39	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
GA	Ft. Benning	Martin ACH	40	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
GA	Ft. Stewart	Winn ACH	35	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
KS	Ft. Riley	Irwin ACH	18	X	X	X	X	X			X	
KY	Ft. Campbell	Blanchfield ACH	39	X	X	X	X	X			X	
KY	Ft. Knox	Ireland ACH	19	X	X		X	X			X	
LA	Ft. Polk	Bayne-Jones ACH	16	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MO	Ft. L. Wood	Gen L. Wood ACH	29	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
OK	Ft. Sili	Reynolds ACH	25	X	X	X	X	X			X	
SC	Ft. Jackson	Moncrief ACH	21	X		X	X			X	X	
TX	Ft. Hood	DarnaliACH	73	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
VA	Ft. Belvoir	Dewitt ACH	25	X	X	X	X	X				
GER	Heidelberg	95th CSH	19	X	X	X	X	X			X	
GER	Wuerzburg	67th CSH	17	X	X	X	X	X			X	
KOREA	Seoul	121 Evac Hosp	31	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	

AMC = Army Medical Center	X = Services Available
ACH = Army Community Hospital	Multi-Service = Multiple Specialty Services (Medical/Surgical/Pediatrics/Same Day Surgery/etc.)
CSH = Combat Support Hospital	ER = Emergency Room/Emergency Medical Services
	ICU = Intensive/Critical Care Units (Medical/Surgical/Cardiac/Pediatric or combinations)
	OR = Operating Room/Perioperative Services
	OB/GYN/Baby: Labor & Delivery, Post-partum, Newborn Nursery, Mother Baby Unit or combination)
	NICU = Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
	PSYCH = Inpatient Psychiatric Unit
	CHN = Community Health Nursing