



NURSING

Army ROTC, The Nursing Edge

GENERAL

Why join the Army Nurse Corps?

The autonomy of nursing within the Army Health care team is unlike most civilian health care facilities. As an Army Nurse and Officer, you will have the respect of your peers and coworkers, as well as opportunities to train and serve in a variety of specialties.

Benefits of being an Army Nurse



30 days paid vacation/yr
Nearly \$40,000 starting pay
Free medical benefits
Graduate education

What about commitment?

You can serve full time on Active Duty for 3 years (four years for scholarship winners) and finish with 4 years of Inactive Reserves, or with an active Reserve or Guard Unit. Selected cadets may choose to serve their full obligation in the Army Reserves or National Guard while pursuing a civilian career.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Two, three and four year scholarships available.

\$900 a year for books
Up to \$20,000 annual tuition
\$300-500/month tax free stipend

To qualify you must:

- Have a HS GPA of at least 2.5 (roughly 3.5 to be accepted into most Schools of Nursing)
- Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve component (US Army Reserve or Army National Guard)
- Meet physical standards (pass the Army Physical Fitness Test)
- Have a high school diploma or equal
- Be between 17-27 (must be 30 or younger when you graduate)
- Score a minimum of 920 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT
- Be medically qualified (pass an Army medical physical)
- be a US citizen

EDUCATION

Clinical Specialties The Army Nurse Corps has six, 12-16 week fully funded clinical specialty courses in the following:

Intensive Care	Labor & Delivery
Emergency	Psychiatric
Community Health	Perioperative Care

All active duty Army Nurse Corps officers are BSN graduates. The Army Reserves accepts graduates from BSN and ADN programs.



Graduate School

Each year, Army nurses are selected to attend fully funded graduate training via the Long Term Health Education & Training program. Each nurse selected continues to receive their full salary/benefits; as well, as receive full tuition, even though their job is to be a full time student.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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PERSONAL LIFE

67% of Army Nurse Corps Officers are married and have children.

What if I want to get married & have a family?

Your family will be allowed to move with you to your duty assignment. Of our married officers, many are married to other service members. If that is the case, there are programs available to ensure you and your spouse are co-located

- You **DO NOT** have to go to boot camp.
- **Less than 100 nurses are deployed** around the world at any given time. It is likely that you will be deployed at sometime, but most of your duty as an Army nurse will be in a medical facility. If not, you will be caring for soldiers who have been injured in a conflict or you will be involved in humanitarian efforts.
- A field hospital is a deployable facility, usually made up of tents, which range in size up to 296 beds. They are capable of performing life-saving surgeries, emergency care, peri-operative care, dental repair, intensive care, inpatient ward care, x-rays/CT scans, lab/blood services, physical therapy, and pharmaceutical services. Many patients are stabilized at field hospitals and then transported to Army medical centers for further care.
- Physical training (PT) as a cadet is 3 times per week (can be evening or morning) and is a terrific way to balance the stressors of nursing school and stay healthy throughout college. On Active Duty, PT is usually the Officer's (your) responsibility.

MILITARY

On moving....

- **Active duty officers are entitled housing pay and do not live in barracks.**
- Typically, an officer moves every 3-4 years with the Army taking care of moving expenses as well as providing extra funding for travel, lodging, and meal costs during the move. A contracted agency will come to pack/ship your belongings.
- There are **37 military hospitals** throughout the US, Germany, and Korea. During your senior year, you will request an assignment at the hospital where you would like to work and your branch manager will work hard to ensure that you receive one of your top three requests. Where you go is based on the needs of the Army, your area of interest in Nursing and any special needs you have.
- Your service obligation for an Army Nursing scholarship is 4 years of Active Duty and 4 years of inactive service or Reserve/National Guard. Time. Once your Active Duty requirement is up, you can remain where you are located or the Army will move you back to your **hometown**.

INTERNSHIPS

The Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP) is a three week paid internship in which you will work on a hospital floor under the supervision of an Army Nurse Corps Officer.

As a new Army Nurse Corps LT, you will be a charge nurse at 6 months. Head nurse positions are usually at the 5-7 year mark.



Any Further Questions?

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