

ATTENTION NURSING STUDENTS

Are you interested in the care of Veterans and their families?

We are actively recruiting for VA Nurse Scholars in the Sophomore and Junior years

What it means to be a VA Nurse Scholar:

- Honor and prestige of affiliation and participation in a select student cohort.
- Deep immersion in Veteran-Centric topics with a focus on unique health care needs of Veterans.
- With the unique knowledge and expertise of Veteran care, VA Nurse Scholar graduates will be more marketable in terms of employment when applying to any VA, and will have priority for hire into open VA nursing positions nationwide.
- If hired by the VA post-licensure, VA Nurse Scholar graduates will also become eligible to participate in several VA-specific programs (as applicable/where available), including, but not limited to: VA Post Baccalaureate Nurse Residency Program, VA Registered Nursing Transition-to-Practice Program.

To be eligible:

- You must be a natural born or naturalized American Citizen
- Agree to complete the majority of your clinical rotations at VACT, one of these rotations must be your Transition to Practice rotation, with a Capstone project on a Veteran-centric population issue.
- Agree to annually update the VA Scholar Faculty at Fairfield University regarding current employment status, for 5 years after graduation.

Interested students will submit a completed application along with a 300-word essay describing their interest in becoming a VA Scholar as well as what attributes you possess that would make you an ideal candidate for becoming a VA Nurse Scholar.

Applications are currently being accepted. Applicants will be notified by January, if selected. If you require additional information contact Dr. Karen Burrows kburrows1@fairfield.edu

Email application and essay to: kburrows1@fairfield.edu

Deadline for submission is: **December 1st of Junior Year**

VA Nurse Scholar Application

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Year of Graduation _____

1. Are you a natural born or naturalized American Citizen (circle one)? Yes No
2. Are you a Veteran (circle one)?
Yes No
3. Do any of your family members (parents, siblings, or spouse) or close friends have a military background (circle one)?
Yes No
4. Have you ever worked or volunteered at a Veteran/Military facility (circle one)?
Yes No

Read and agree to the following statement and **sign below**:

If accepted as a VA Nurse Scholar, I agree to complete the required number of clinical rotations at VACT.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Email application and 300-word essay to Dr. Karen Burrows at kburrows1@fairfield.edu