

# Opportunities for Nursing Students



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## OVERVIEW

How would you like to become a nurse in the United States Air Force? Air Force ROTC can provide you with the opportunity.

The Air Force offers nurses experiences and opportunities that few people outside of the military will ever have. You might be saving lives 30,000 feet in the air as a flight nurse or working in a field hospital at a deployed location supporting front-line troops. Sound exciting?

Lock down your slot in the Air Force Nurse Corps by competing for a nursing allocation (typically three years prior to graduation).

Need money to help pay for school? We offer qualified individuals the chance to compete for scholarships of up to \$15,000 per academic year. Nursing students can compete for scholarships through the In-College Scholarship Program (ICSP), or may qualify for a nursing scholarship. See your detachment staff for detailed eligibility requirements and application details.

## QUALIFICATIONS

To compete for a nursing allocation, an applicant must:

- Be enrolled full-time in a school (host or cross-town) offering Air Force ROTC and a four-year nursing degree program (properly accredited by The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education)
- Achieve qualifying scores on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT)
- Maintain the minimum grade point average required by the school's nursing program (minimum of 2.5 cum)
- Be physically qualified as determined by a medical examination
- Pass the AFROTC Physical Fitness Test
- Be a United States citizen

Additionally, all AFROTC nursing graduates must pass the NCLEX and receive their nursing license before being allowed to enter the Air Force Nurse Corps.

## AIR FORCE NURSING OPPORTUNITIES

Air Force nurses may enter and/or specialize in a number of different nursing fields, including:

- **Clinical Nurse:** Provides professional nursing care, coordinates health services in an interdisciplinary and collaborative manner, acts as patient advocates and advances desired health outcomes through patient and family education.
- **Operating Room Nurse:** Plans, directs and coordinates activities of the Operating Room, maintaining optimum standards of nursing care and practice through preoperative and postoperative assessment planning, implementation and evaluation of patient care.
- **Flight Nurse:** Provides comprehensive nursing care for all types of patients during aeromedical evacuation and airlift flights.
- **Nurse Anesthetist:** Administers anesthetic agents to patients, performs other specialized nursing duties and manages anesthesia department under the direction of a medical officer.