

Other Opportunities with Research Components from the Office of Academic Affiliations
(<http://www4.va.gov/oaa/specialfellows/default.asp>)

VA Advanced Fellowship in Geriatrics

This fellowship offers post-specialty education to foster the development of leadership in health care issues of older adults. The program capitalizes on the international prominence of VA's Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Centers (GRECCs) to provide training opportunities in clinical practice, to contribute to the improvement of clinical practice, and to advance scholarly pursuits that will benefit care for older Veterans and all older Americans.

VA Interprofessional Fellowship Program in Patient Safety

The Office of Academic Affiliations and the National Center for Patient Safety (NCPS), in the Department of Veterans Affairs, offers a one year fellowship in patient safety at competitively selected VA sites. The purpose of the Interprofessional Fellowship Program in Patient Safety is to provide post-residency physicians and post masters or doctoral post degree associated health professionals in-depth education in patient safety practice and leadership.

VA Advanced Fellowship in Health Systems Engineering

This program meets the growing needs of VHA to implement Operational Systems Engineering

(OSE) tools and techniques to further understand the complexities and dynamics of health care systems and subsystems. This two-year research track, offered in collaboration with VA Health Services Research and Development Service, emphasizes the great need for further research in the field and provides protected time, mentorship, financial support, and a clinical research environment for qualified candidates.

VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Medical Informatics

This fellowship provides two years of postdoctoral research and educational learning opportunities to nurses and others at competitively selected VA sites. Fellows spend their time in research and educational activities relevant to VA. Mentors of national stature provide guidance to fellows in rich learning environments. Graduates are expected to be role models in leading, developing, conducting, and evaluating innovative medical informatics programs.

VA National Quality Scholars Fellowship Program, in Collaboration with TDI, Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice

This fellowship offers scholars opportunities to be leaders in the following: (a) Applying knowledge and methods of health care improvement to the care of Veterans; (b) Innovation and continual improvement in health care; (c) Teaching health professionals about health care improvement; and (d) Performing innovative research to develop new knowledge for the ongoing improvement of the quality and value of health care services.

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Research Training Opportunities in the VA for Nurses

**Office of Nursing Service
Nursing Research Advisory Group**

Intranet: <http://vaww1.va.gov/nursing/>
Internet: <http://www1.va.gov/NURSING/>



Research Training Opportunities in the VA for Nurses

Research and education are two of VA's four missions. Each year over 100,000 health professions trainees, including nurses, receive part of their education in VA. These trainees have a major role in the delivery of the "best care anywhere" to Veterans. Numerous opportunities are available in the VA for advanced training for nurses in both research and clinical areas.

- 85% of trainees rate VA training as equivalent or better than non-VA training
- 90% of trainees would recommend VA training to others

Research Opportunities from the Office of Academic Affiliations

Pre-Doctoral Nurse Fellowship Program (http://www4.va.gov/oa/ahe_default.asp)

The Pre-Doctoral Nurse Fellowship Program provides opportunities for registered nurses, who are doctoral candidates, to conduct their dissertation studies at VA facilities for dissertation topics that are relevant to the care of Veterans.

Post-Doctoral Nurse Fellowship Program (http://www4.va.gov/oa/ahe_default.asp)

The Post-Doctoral Nurse Fellowship Program provides nurses, who have earned research doctoral degrees, the opportunity to broaden their scientific or research background, and extend their potential for clinical research in

nursing.

VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Health Services Research and Development (HSR&D)

(<http://www4.va.gov/oa/specialfellows/default.asp>)

This fellowship provides two years of post-residency or post-PhD research, education, and clinical learning opportunities to eligible clinicians, including nurses. Graduates are expected to be role models in leading, developing, conducting, and evaluating innovative health services research in a variety of clinical settings.

VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Inter-professional Polytrauma and Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation

(<http://www4.va.gov/oa/specialfellows/default.asp>)

This program meets needs of our military personnel who are returning home from service with traumatic brain injuries, complex orthopedic injuries, and physical and psychological

wounds accompanied by cognitive deficits from a "signature" blast injury. The fellowship provides protected time, mentorship, and a clinical research environment for qualified candidates.

Research Opportunities from the VA's Office of Research & Development

Career Development Award

(<http://www.research.va.gov/funding/cdp.cfm>)

VA's Career Development Program (CDA) provides mentoring for junior researchers so they can learn from renowned, experienced VA researchers. Awardees from this program have become national and international leaders in their research fields. Four levels of the CDA program are offered.

Nursing Research Initiative

(<http://www.research.va.gov/funding/rfa.cfm>)

The NRI facilitates the development of nurse investigators to conduct independent research focused on high priority, VA mission-oriented areas of investigation. The NRI solicits proposals from VA nurse investigators who are in the early stages of their research careers for a mentored research project. AIOI Office of Research and Development (ORD Services (Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development, Clinical Science Research and Development, Rehabilitation Research and Development, and Health Services Research and Development) will accept nurse investigator-initiated proposals as part of the NRI.

