



Nurse Pre & Postdoc Fellowship

For Academic Year 2012-2013

Purpose

To assist in the education and research development of doctoral level nurses for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Nation. During the 2-year full-time or 3 year part-time pre-doctoral fellowship program, the fellow is expected to complete a doctoral research dissertation on a topic that is relevant to the care of veterans and generally involves a veteran population. During the 2-year full-time or 3 year part-time post-doctoral fellowship program, fellow will receive intensive training in research methodology and techniques and research experiences at a VA facility under the direct supervision of an established investigator. Research interests of the applicant must be relevant to the care of veterans. Fellows are encouraged but not required to seek VA employment after completion of the fellowship.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- U.S. Citizen and a nurse with active, current registration
- Master's degree in nursing or a field related to nursing and a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Nursing degrees must be awarded from programs accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.
- Be able to devote 40 hours per week for a 2-year full-time fellowship or a minimum of 20 hours per week for a 3-year part-time fellowship.
- Enrollment in doctoral program or completion of doctoral degree by the start of the post-doctoral fellowship from a school accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Association
- **Other Requirements Specific to Pre-doctoral Applicants:**
- A doctoral candidate by the start of the fellowship.
- A dissertation research topic that reflects a clinical practice orientation, the results of which are applicable to the nursing care of veterans.
- A dissertation proposal approved by the graduate school's dissertation committee, VA facility's Research and Development Committee, and Institutional Review Board by the start of the fellowship.

Funding

\$31,250 per year for full-time Pre-doctoral Nurse Fellows.

\$44,500 and \$47,150 per year for first and second years respectively for full-time Post-doctoral Nurse Fellow \$3,000 research support funds per year.

Stipends for part-time fellows are pro-rated at the same hourly rate as for full-time.

Application and Start Dates

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

The fellowship program may start at any time after approval of the application and completion of the appointment process.

For additional information:

- Check VA's web page at <http://www.va.gov/oa/>
- See program announcements sent to the College of Nursing Dean/Director
- Contact the Nurse Executive at the nearest VA healthcare facility

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