Veterans to Nurses

For U.S. Veterans

The program is designed to facilitate veteran student success in the nursing program from admission to graduation and beyond. The program aims to increase the number of BS prepared nurses in Hawaii, improve employment opportunities for veterans, and provide support services. Veteran students participating in the Veterans to Nurses program may enroll in any of the UH Manoa Nursing pathways. Veterans with military medical training and experience may be able to receive academic credit towards completion of a nursing program with the goal to decrease time to graduation.

"In 2009, I joined the U.S. Navy and served our country for 6 years. I have always wanted to become a nurse and dream to reenlist as a Navy nurse to save lives. I received financial scholarship that supports my nursing academic journey, and it has truly made a huge difference for me. I am thankful for the benevolent hearts who help students like me become the best nurses we can be." - John Cary Nuez, Undergraduate Nursing Student Veteran, Class of 2019
Benefits for Veterans

- A curriculum that is tailored to veteran student needs and gives credit for military experience and education.
- Learning resources and nursing licensing exam (NCLEX-RN) preparatory courses.
- Nursing faculty who are familiar with the military and needs of student veterans.

Eligibility

Active duty service members and veterans are eligible for the Veterans to Nurses Program. Active duty service members from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy are eligible. Student veterans must have been honorably or generally discharged from the military to participate.

Accepted military status includes:

- Active Duty
- National Guard
- Reserve
- Retiree
- Veteran

Credit by Examination

Credit by exam is offered for student veterans who have documented military medical experience. Courses available for
credit by examination in the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene are NURS 210, NURS 210/L, NURS 212, NURS 220 and NURS 220/L. To obtain credit for these courses, students are required to pass a comprehensive exam, skills testing, written care plan, and a standardized specialty exam. For more details, please contact the Office of Student Services.

How to Apply

- If you do not have a bachelor’s degree, review the Bachelor of Science Degree.
- If you have a bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing, review the Graduate Entry Program in Nursing Program pathway.

Contact for UH Manoa Nursing

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Contact for nursing students enrolled in all undergraduate nursing programs. Also, contact for pre-nursing and nursing veteran students and students using VA education benefits.

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