

# Opportunities for Nursing Students



## OVERVIEW

The Air Force offers nurses experiences and opportunities that few people outside of the military will ever have. As an Air Force nurse, you might be saving lives at 30,000 feet in air as a flight nurse or working in a field hospital at a deployed location supporting front-line troops. Lock down your slot in the Air Force Nursing Corps by competing for a nursing allocation, typically two to three years prior to graduation.

AFROTC offers qualified individuals the chance to compete for scholarships that pay up to full tuition and fees, plus a monthly stipend and a yearly book allowance. High school students interested in nursing can apply for scholarships via the High School Scholarship Program (HSSP). Current nursing students can compete for scholarships through the In-College Scholarship Program (ICSP) or may qualify for a nursing scholarship. Contact your local AFROTC detachment for detailed eligibility requirements and application details.

## AIR FORCE NURSING OPPURTUNITIES

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 advocate, and advances desired health outcomes through patient and family education
- **Operating Room Nurse:** Plans, directs, and coordinates operating room activities; maintains optimum standards of nursing care and practice through preoperative and postoperative assessment, planning, implementations, and evaluation of patient care
- **Flight Nurse:** Provides comprehensive nursing care for 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

## REQUIREMENTS

To compete for a nursing allocation, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Be enrolled full-time in a school offering AFROTC and be accepted into a four-year nursing degree program that grants Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degrees and that is properly accredited by The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Maintain the minimum grade point average required by the school's nursing program
- Be physically qualified as determined by a medical examination
- Pass the Air Force Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA)
- Be a U.S. citizen

Additionally, all AFROTC nursing graduates must pass the NCLEX within six months of graduation and receive their nursing license before being allowed to commission and enter the Air Force Nursing Corps.