

Lecture 2
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Military nurses are healthcare professionals who provide medical care to patients in military clinics and hospitals. They monitor wounds for infection, prepare patients for surgeries and provide preoperative and postoperative care. Other job responsibilities for these nurses include monitoring pain, helping the injured learn how to care for themselves and extending emotional support. military nurses look after active-duty personnel, military retirees and their dependents. They may also provide healthcare to civilian emergency patients. During wartime, these nurses provide medical care around the world.

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## How to Become a Military Nurse:

If you want to become a military nurse, you must provide proof of U.S. citizenship or American citizen. You also need to have a bachelor's or master's degree in nursing. BSN programs may span over four years, while a master's degree in nursing can be completed in 1-2 years. Some of the courses you will study in these programs

include primary healthcare, clinical nursing practice, biosciences and social justice. Joining your college's Reserve Officers' Training Corps can prove to be an added plus to becoming a military nurse. After completing an RN degree, you must also obtain your registered nurse. For this, you need to apply for a nursing license from your state's board of nursing. The next step is to register for the National Council Licensure Examination for RNs. Once you pass this test, you will be able to obtain a license. Depending on your own career goals, you can choose to apply for a military nursing commission so that you can find a job in Army, Air Force or Navy . You can option for becoming a full-time nurse or look for part-time opportunities.

## **Opportunities for Military Nurses:**

Military nurses can find opportunities in military clinics and hospitals. For earning competitive chance, they can also find a number of chance as, life insurance and more. They also enjoy scores of continuing education opportunities. Military nurses can earn in the range of \$44,000 to \$93,000 on an annual basis. The income of these nurses may vary by their qualification, experience, job location and position.

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Online Military Nursing Programs: Military nurses can also enter in online RN degree programs and make their way into this field in a convenient manner. The online programs in nursing are more flexible than regular degrees. Students can attend classes from any location and study at timings that suit their personal routines. They can also complete an online nursing program at their own places. Because of the flexibility of these programs, they can make a suitable learning option for busy

working professionals who want to change their profession and as well as nurses who want to get into the field of military nursing without giving up their existing job times.



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