



## **Lecture 4**

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### **Definition of Military Nurse?**

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Military nurses are licensed registered nurses who are contracted to provide medical care specifically to patients in military clinics and hospitals. Much like traditional registered nurses who treat civilians, military nurses monitor wounds for infection, prepare patients for surgical procedures, and administer preoperative and postoperative care for those inside the military. Not only will military nurses have the chance to travel and see the world, but they also have access to excellent education and are compensated for time spent studying. They also enjoy excellent benefits, such as free healthcare. Additionally, job responsibilities for military nurses include monitoring the pain and comfort levels of patients, assisting the disabled to care for themselves, and providing psychological and emotional support. During peacetime, military nurses will most often care for active-duty military personnel, military retirees, and their dependents. In some instances, or situations, they might

even provide healthcare to civilian emergency patients. Conversely, during wartime, military nurses provide medical care in and around conflict zones and near battle fronts. A military nursing is stressful, and often heartbreaking job. Furthermore, it can also be dang or nervous. عصبی

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## Characteristics of Military Nurses

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To become a military nurse, you must first be a U.S. citizen. There are some personality characteristics that an individual should have if they're going to be competent military nurses. Effective military nurses should be in excellent physical shape and must be able to think clearly under stress so as to make life-saving decisions quickly. Additionally, military nurses should have competent communication skills, be able to adapt to change quickly, and have high able and endurance. Military nurses need to be able to work efficiently with little sleep.

### **The Educational Requirements for a Military Nurse:**

The first step in becoming a military nurse is obtaining your Bachelors of Science in Nursing, also known as a BSN degree. Typically, BSN degrees take around four years to complete. Although the military prefers their nurses to have BSN degrees, the Army accepts nurses with only Associate's Degrees in Nursing, or ADN degrees. However, these RNs are expected to have a BSN degree by the time they're ready for promotion as Captain or leader or chief nurse . Once you have obtained your bachelor's degree in nursing, you are then permitted to sit for the state board examinations. Once a civilian RN has undergone the primary educational processes involved in becoming a military nurse, they will then also need to undergo officer training through branch of the armed forces they wish to serve in. Officer training

educates newly admitted RNs on leadership skills and military life. Additionally, during officer training, RNs are also required to show their competency in various physical fitness exercises.

### **Certifications and license for RN (Registered Nurse)**

Before an individual becomes an official military nurse, they must already have graduated from a nursing program approved by their state's Board of Nursing and have taken and passed the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN). Once you have passed your state board examination, you are eligible to obtain an RN license. After this, RNs can apply to a particular branch of the military, and if accepted, sign the necessary contracts and be sworn يمين in.

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### **Where Do Military Nurses Work?**

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Military nurses are required to make at least a three-year commitment to serve their country. Traditionally, military nurses are stationed fixed in a new region about every three years. There may be required travel just about anywhere abroad to help with emergency situations if they do happen to arise or war happened. Most nurses in the military are stationed or fixed at military/government facilities or offices. Some of them also may work, as shift work or makeshift facilities when they are near the front lines with combat units or near war places.

### **The most common places you will find military nurses working in are:**

- Military Hospitals
- Military Clinics
- Air or navy forces Hospitals/ or Clinics

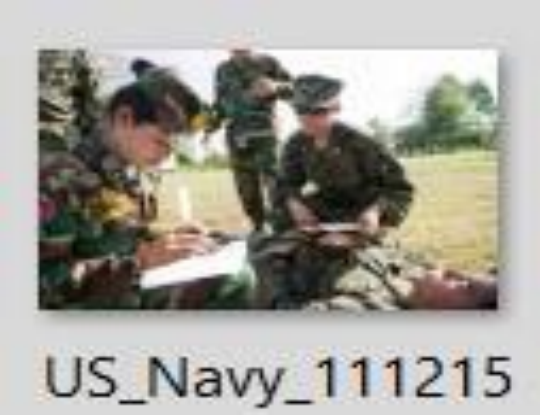
- Makeshift nursing facilities in and around combat zones or near war settings.
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