



## Lecture 6

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### **Educational Requirements for officer nursing:**

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According to Nguh (2020), for nursing officers to serve in the military it normally requires a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. For example, a branch known as the Air National Guard, allows an individual to join as enlisted and work as a Aeromedical Evacuation Technician while finishing their BSN degree. The military branch will pay for the individuals BSN and after graduation the nurse can earn a salary as a 2nd Lieutenant contingent ملازم ثانی upon successfully passing their nursing boards.<sup>[2]</sup>

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### **Challenges in working as a military nurse**

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Nurses can often experience challenges when delivering care to patients when they do not have the appropriate supplies, medicines, and equipment that is normally available in American hospitals A study was conducted in Camp Bastion Hospital in Afghanistan, where 18 British Armed Forces nurses were interviewed. These

nurses serves in Afghanistan between 2001 and 2014 and it was found that nurses often experienced many psychological stressors such as lacking family support, suffering from mental health issues, experiencing separation anxiety, missing their families and friends, feeling unprepared and not able to take care of seriously injured patients, and nurses found it emotionally difficult taking care of terminally ill patients or danger patients..

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**Working in the Air Force:**

Aerospace Medical fields may be eligible for their training and experience awarded by the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). By combining that with resident and distance-learning courses, airmen can earn an associate degree in the CCAF Allied **حلفاء** Health Sciences Program. While not a nursing-specific degree, this may help fulfill some of the requirements to earn a BS in nursing, since it includes a variety of arts credits and electives in biology, chemistry, psychology, and pharmacology.

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**Certifications for Corpsman **مسلح****

According to [Navy's Credentialing Opportunities On-Line \(COOL\)](#), Corpsmen **مسلح** may be eligible to receive Navy funding to pay for the NCLEX-RN exam. Remember, though, that to receive an RN license through this exam, you'll still need to earn your bachelor's degree in nursing through appropriate off-duty education. Unlike the Navy, the Army COOL site doesn't indicate any funding available for medics **مسعف** to take the NCLEX-RN, but there are a number of certifications at less advanced levels of medical care and nursing that may be paid for using the GI Bill.

While pursuing a nursing education, it obviously couldn't hurt to get licenses in some of these specialties—including Emergency Medical Technician, Licensed Practical/practical Nurse, or Certified Nurse Technician—which can provide you with additional experience, earning power, and a professional safety net should you choose to leave the service and complete your nursing education as a civilian.

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