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Since 1973, the Excelsior College School of Nursing has awarded more than 44,000 nursing degrees to adults looking to move up in their nursing career. Our students value the convenience of online courses and credit-by-exam options that allow them to earn a respected nursing degree while they earn a living.

The high quality of our instruction is demonstrated by our designation as an NLN Center of Excellence in Nursing Education. All of our nursing degree programs are also accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (NLNAC).

Give us a call or visit us online to learn how you can work with a veteran nurse mentor and access veteran resources as you complete your degree.

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A Program Designed to Assist Veterans in the RN to BS in Nursing: The VBSN Project



Achieve your career goals with support from a veteran nurse mentor.





Make a smooth transition to your civilian career in nursing.

Leverage your military health care experience—and enhance your resume—with a bachelor’s degree in nursing from a nonprofit and top-ranked “Best for Vets” online college. Our supportive program that assists veterans seeking a BS in nursing will prepare you to enter the civilian workforce and successfully advance your career.

This program lets you build on your military experience and prior education by awarding you with 30 credits for your active registered nurse license, and by applying additional transfer credits toward your general education requirements. You may also receive credit for certain nursing certifications.

A Distinct Advantage: Veteran Nurse Faculty Mentor and Academic Advisor

Our online nursing program will provide you with unparalleled personal assistance as you earn your degree and work toward achieving your new career goals.

In addition to learning from veteran instructors, you’ll be matched to your own faculty nurse mentor, who will support you academically and professionally as you move through the nursing program. As fellow veterans, our mentors can better understand the challenges you’ll be tackling, and will be able to offer you meaningful insights and encouragement, based on their own experience.

You’ll also work with a dedicated academic advisor, who will guide you through your entire program of study, and empower you to succeed by supplying you with academic coaching when you need it.

Another advantage of this program is that it is open to all veterans including those in the National Guard and Reserves.

The Excelsior College Center for Military Education has been helping U.S. servicemembers and veterans complete their degrees for more than 40 years. Along with dedicated veteran advisors, the center offers a wide array of resources, services, programs, and partnerships that help veterans achieve their educational goals.

Join our supportive online veteran community.

The Lt. Col. Bryant A. Murray Veterans Center gives you a chance to connect with other veterans, and houses an extensive range of veteran-related information:

- *Learn about Post-9/11 GI Bill and other funding*
- *Find out about discounts through veteran partnerships*
- *Submit an application to be assigned a veteran peer mentor*
- *Receive assistance with your veteran transition*
- *Explore veteran health and wellness resources*

Access our robust online career resources.

The Excelsior College Career Center provides an outstanding and ever-growing collection of military-to-civilian career transition resources that can help you:

- *Understand how to conduct a successful job search*
- *Translate your military experience into civilian language*
- *Improve your resume, cover letters, and interview skills*
- *Access a variety of veteran career tools and the EC Joblinks database*



With experience on deployment in both Afghanistan and Germany, and having attended college while working full time, veteran nurse faculty mentor CDR Patricia Klimkewicz is well equipped to support veterans in transition. Her academic credentials include associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing, an MBA, and a PhD in Health Services. She has also received the New York State Nurses Association Student’s Choice Award, the Meritorious Service Medal, and is a three-time recipient of the Navy Achievement Award.

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