

Fostering Excellence

TRISERVICE NURSING RESEARCH PROGRAM

in Military Nursing Care

TSNRP



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Who We Are

Recognizing that military nurses play a critical role in the health and welfare of the military population, Congress appropriated \$1 million for nursing research in 1992. Since then, the TriService Nursing Research Program (TSNRP) has funded more than 380 grants totaling more than \$90 million, resulting in research published in more than 60 peer-reviewed journals. This is the only program that funds and supports rigorous scientific research in the field of military nursing.

Broadly speaking, military nursing research investigates:

- Patterns of illness, stress, and injury that are unique to the military.
- Occupational and environmental hazards that affect health and readiness.
- Interventions to improve outcomes or deliver high quality care in a cost-effective manner.

To address these concerns, TSNRP's mission is to provide resources for the conduct and use of research to foster excellence in military nursing care. Our goals are:

- To expand the cadre of military nursing researchers.
- To provide infrastructure to stimulate, disseminate, and support nursing research and evidence-based nursing practice.
- To promote research on areas unique to the military and critical to the health of military members and on developing science to enhance military nursing practice.
- To expand the breadth and depth of the nursing research portfolio by encouraging and funding programs of research in TSNRP's focused areas of investigation.
- To foster partnerships for collaborative research.



“I was able to conduct my study in the manner the subject matter deserved because of the research grant provided by TriService Nursing Research Program (TSNRP). Both monetary and personal support were critical to the successful completion of the study.”

—CAPT Min Chung-Park, NC, USN

TSNRP Award Categories



Research:

- The Graduate Research Award supports a dissertation or thesis research study.
- The Novice Investigator Award supports research that is modest in scope or the first phase of a larger study.
- The Exploratory Research Award supports preparatory investigations that have the potential to lead to larger, more comprehensive, and more expensive studies.
- The Career Development Award supports mentored research training for experienced nurse scientists.
- The Fast Track Award supports research that investigates an emerging threat, time-sensitive question(s), or Service-directed question(s) regarding military nursing clinical practice, education, management, and/or policy.
- The Investigator-Initiated Award supports projects that address the broad research priorities and strategic goals of TSNRP.

Evidence-Based Practice (EBP):

- The Graduate EBP Award supports a capstone or equivalent project that implements the principles of EBP to appraise and translate theory and evidence into practice and/or policy.
- The Conceptual Guideline Development EBP Award supports the development of one or more evidence-based clinical practice guideline(s).
- The Implementation of Innovation EBP Award supports the implementation and evaluation of one or more evidence-based clinical practice guideline(s).

Detailed information about each grant award is available at:
www.usuhs.mil/tsnrp/GrantApplications/callforproposals.php

“TSNRP has provided me with an invaluable network of military and federal nurse researchers who have helped me develop a research program fostering an excitement for clinical nursing research.”

—Col Karen Weis, USAF, NC

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Eligibility for TSNRP Grant Awards

TSNRP supports nurses in all phases of their research careers. Active duty military nurses from the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force are eligible to apply for all grant awards. Reserve and National Guard Nurse Corps officers, and retired military nurses, are eligible to apply for some, but not all, grant awards.

Active duty and Reserve military nurses who are pursuing a master's or doctoral degree in nursing are eligible to apply for the Graduate Research Award or the Graduate EBP Award.

Novice investigators with a master's or doctoral degree are eligible to apply for the Novice Investigator Award, Exploratory Research Award, Conceptual Guideline Development EBP Award, and Implementation of Innovation EBP Award. A novice investigator is required to have a mentor and a mentoring plan.

Experienced investigators with a master's or doctoral degree are eligible to apply for the Exploratory Research Award, Investigator-Initiated Award, Career Development Award, Fast Track Award, Conceptual Guideline Development EBP Award, and Implementation of Innovation EBP Award.

More information regarding eligibility criteria is available in the TSNRP Application Instructions document, which can be downloaded at:
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“The guidance, support, and funding provided by TSNRP, beginning with feedback on the letter of intent and continuing throughout the project, have been instrumental in my ability to approach bone health in our young soldiers from a perspective that is unique and relevant only in a military context. The administrative and clinical experts on the TSNRP team are committed to developing high-caliber nurse scientists and promoting high quality research within the military community.”

—MAJ (ret) Mary McCarthy, AN, USA, PhD



What We Do

- **GRANTS** | TSNRP issues two calls for proposals in several categories each year. Proposals are due in February and October. Funding decisions are based on a rigorous three-level review that assesses the scientific, programmatic, and military-specific strength of each proposal.
- **GRANTS ADMINISTRATION** | TSNRP helps nurses with the administrative and regulatory requirements of their research at every step of the grant process, from successful grant applications through submission of final reports. The experience and knowledge of TSNRP's dedicated professionals are an asset to each research team.
- **DISSEMINATION** | TSNRP encourages publication of grantees' research findings in peer-reviewed journals and supports podium and poster presentations at national nursing conferences. TSNRP sponsors an annual Research and Evidence-Based Practice Dissemination Course, an educational program and dissemination opportunity. TSNRP posts the abstracts of all funded studies to the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature. All final reports are available on the Defense Technical Information Center and the National Technical Information Service Web sites.
- **RESOURCE CENTER** | TSNRP's Resource Center for Excellence in Nursing provides educational and career resources to support military-affiliated nurse clinicians, nurse scientists, and nurse leaders at various stages in their careers. The Center's education programs are designed for military nurses who are eligible for TSNRP funding; however, civilian nurses working within military facilities also attend the programs.

Resource Center education programs provide nurses with information on designing, implementing, analyzing, and disseminating nursing research across varied methodologies; help improve the quality and quantity of nurses' research proposals; and facilitate the translation of research findings into clinical practice. The type, frequency, and location of the programs are determined by Service need-driven requests. The programs are held primarily within the United States on military bases.

- **RESEARCH INTEREST GROUPS (RIGs)** | RIGs are composed of military nurses with a desire to advance military nursing science through research and are organized by topic of interest (e.g., Biobehavioral Group, Enroute Care Group, Nurse Anesthetist Group, and Women's Health Group). RIG members share resources, conduct research across all services, and foster the development of scientists.

How We Work

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **Army:** The Chief of the Army Nurse Corps
- **Navy:** The Director of the Navy Nurse Corps
- **Air Force:** The Assistant Surgeon General for Medical Force Development and Assistant Surgeon General for Nursing Services of the Air Force Nurse Corps

The Executive Board of Directors (EBOD) governs TSNRP and sets broad policies and objectives. Based on the results of scientific and programmatic evaluations, the EBOD makes a funding decision for each grant application.

A list of the current EBOD members is available at:
www.usuhs.edu/tsnrp/AboutTSNRP/WhoWeAre/executiveboard.php

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director is responsible for long-term program planning as well as the day-to-day operational management of the program; monitors progress of all funded studies; serves as the decision maker for grants administration, including budgetary expenditures, revisions, and timeline changes; ensures compliance with Department of Defense regulatory guidelines; and develops, negotiates, initiates, and administers government support contracts and grants on behalf of the EBOD.

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The Advisory Council consists of active duty and Reserve doctoral-level military nurses from the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

The Advisory Council advises, consults with, and makes recommendations through the TSNRP Executive Director to the EBOD regarding (1) the conduct of military nursing research studies and EBP projects, (2) the translation of findings to practice and/or policy, (3) research- and EBP-related policy, (4) use of appropriated funds, (5) TSNRP operations, (6) military nursing research and EBP priorities, (7) program evaluation, (8) strategic planning, and (9) execution of the strategic plan.

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