



## **Uniformed Services University Talking Points**

*Learning to Care for Those in Harm's Way*

- USU is the nation's only Federal graduate and undergraduate degree-granting health sciences university in support of the Department of Defense and the Nation
- USU serves as the leadership academy for Armed Forces and U.S. Public Health Service healthcare professionals (similar to the military academies for the warfighters)
- USU is the only institute of higher learning to provide a military unique curriculum that educates and trains leaders in healthcare relevant to the military mission
- USU curriculum emphasizes military medicine, leadership, and training in a joint environment, to include progressively challenging field exercises
- USU, compared with any other US medical school, contributes the highest number of physician accessions to the Services/DoD
- USU alumni comprise 25% of the Military Health System physicians and 50% of the advance practice nurses, a majority of the medical corps officers serving a full military career
- USU alumni and faculty commonly lead the government's response to various public health crises, humanitarian and disaster assistance missions
- USU provides reach-back capability to DoD and the Nation for expertise in Global Health, TBI, PTSD, Disaster Medicine, Neuroscience, Human Performance
- USU provides the warfighters and their families with career healthcare professionals who are experienced in caring for the unique needs of the military beneficiary
- USU Graduate School of Nursing ranked in top 10% of graduate nursing schools in the nation by US News & World Report; Nurse Anesthesia program ranked # 4 in the country
- USU College of Allied Health Sciences, in compliance with NDAA 2017, is now able to award undergraduate college credit and degrees to enlisted medical professionals and trainees; first undergraduate degree awarded September 2017
- USU is a global leader in state-of-the-art research in TBI, PTSD, Precision Medicine, Rehabilitation and Prosthetics, Emerging Infectious Diseases, Tropical Medicine, and Cancer
- USU researchers generate high-impact military-relevant discoveries and products to protect the health of our forces and assure the national health security of the United States
- USU is ranked 86 of 900 US institutions of higher learning (top 10th percentile, \$256M) in total Research and Development expenditures (National Science Foundation, 2016)
- USU is America's Health Campus, in partnership with Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the National Institutes of Health
- USU is a national campus, with satellite campuses in San Antonio and San Diego, representing USU's interests among our global Military Treatment Facilities

## **F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine (SOM)**

- "America's Medical School" – USU students are dedicated to caring for those who go in harm's way and their families who support the warfighters
- A majority of graduates who complete a full military career continue on to work for Federal agencies (DoD, VA, HHS, DHS)
- SOM graduates' board certification rates are higher than the national average (93% vs 88%)
- Nearly 80% of SOM graduates have deployed, 18% at least three times
- One of three leaders in the Military Health System is a USU graduate even though USU contributes just one of eight accessions to the medical corps annually
- SOM constantly incorporates lessons learned from past conflicts into its military unique curriculum (recent topics include TC3, pain management, TBI, PTSD)

## **Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing (GSN)**

- GSN graduates have had a 99% board certification pass rate for the past 24 years
- GSN Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates fulfill 100% of Navy and Air Force Nurse Anesthetists requirements and 100% of Adult-Gerontology clinical specialists in perioperative nursing
- GSN programs prepare nurse scientists (PhD) and clinical advanced practice nurses (DNP-Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree) to respond to 90% of all services' needs for family, psych-mental health, and women's health nurse practitioners
- GSN faculty includes 21% elected Fellows in the American Academy of Nursing (compared to 1% nationally) and 17% are elected Fellows in specialty academies
- GSN curriculum focuses on operational readiness, leadership and decision making in the MHS

## **Postgraduate Dental College (PDC)**

- PDC enhances dental officer recruitment and retention by providing an advanced degree for military dental residents
- PDC instills evidence-based scholarly principles, while training Master Clinicians to optimize health in a cost-effective manner
- PDC is focused on ensuring dental readiness for operational or humanitarian deployments (emphasizing jointness, inter-professional collaboration, quality, currency, and life-long learning)
- PDC students train in a military unique environment and military culture, understanding their role as military healthcare officers and future leaders

## **College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS)**

- CAHS awards college credit and degrees optimizing medical readiness for the warfighter
- CAHS partners with the Services to achieve nationally recognized certifications, where required via degree programs, ensuring readiness and value for our enlisted service members and making them more competitive once they leave the Service
- CAHS documented requests now exist to enroll thousands of enlisted and officer students for translation of training and education for USU degree credit and/or degrees at a fraction of the cost of civilian partners

## **Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI)**

- AFRRI scientists have developed numerous radiation countermeasures that could save tens of thousands of lives after exposure to radiation
- AFRRI's subject matter expertise about the medical effects of ionizing radiation is frequently sought for both planning and mitigation strategies following radiation accidents or terror events
- AFRRI offers course of instruction (MEIR course) to educate healthcare providers anywhere in the world on the biomedical consequences of radiation exposure, to include mitigation and treatment strategies