



# Care for Veterans and Grow Your *Nursing* *Career Debt-Free*



## **ADVANCE YOUR NURSING EDUCATION**

### Discover the VA National Nursing Education Initiative (NNEI)

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers the National Nursing Education Initiative (NNEI) to help registered nurses (RNs) pursue an academic program while serving the nation's Veterans.



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of Veterans Affairs**  
Veterans Health  
Administration

**“I am forever grateful for the opportunity to participate in the NNEI scholarship program. The skills I learned in graduate school and knowledge I applied to my nursing practice led me to a nursing leadership position and promotion.”**

— Meg Summey, MSN, RN-BC, VHA-CM, Nurse Educator, Durham VA Health Care System

## Choose VA for the Incentives


Through NNEI, VA registered nurses of at least one year can receive up to **\$46,307** toward the cost of higher education in pursuit of a bachelor’s or advanced nursing degree, including tuition, registration fees and books. The tax-free scholarships pay for an approved academic program to retention in a registered nursing position.


VA nurses employed on a part- or full-time basis may apply. Candidates for the scholarship agree to serve in a VA career for one to three years after program completion of the academic degree or licensure.


## Learn More

- **EXPLORE** the education incentives of VA Careers at [www.VAcareers.va.gov/Benefits/EducationSupport](http://www.VAcareers.va.gov/Benefits/EducationSupport).
- **APPLY** by contacting your local facility’s scholarship coordinator.

## Eligible Applicants

 **Be continuously employed by the Veterans Health Administration for at least one year before applying.**

 **Be accepted in an approved academic program leading to retention or recruitment in a nursing position.**

 **Remain within credit limits of NNEI (90 hours for undergraduate courses; 54 for graduate courses).**

 **Be in a permanent position at the time of application and during participation in the program.**