



VA Nursing

Academic Partnerships

The **VANAP** Program previously known as VA Nursing Academy (VANA) began in 2008 through funding by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA). Students selected for the **VANAP** program will complete Junior and/or Senior semesters of clinical rotations, including Leadership, within the Oklahoma City VA Health Care System (OKCVAHCS).

Eligibility:

- ❖ Current student enrollment at OUHSC CON
- ❖ May apply during August prior to Junior semester.
- ❖ Verification of acceptance into nursing program and submit a 250-word essay "why choose VA?"



Additional Opportunities:

- ❖ **VALOR/Extern:** 10-week summer externship for BSN students completing junior year.
- ❖ **Student Nurse Tech (SNT):** Completion 1st semester of an Accredited Nursing Program (3 letters of reference and transcript)
- ❖ **HPSP:** Scholarships Available

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Our Mission is to fulfill Lincoln's promise "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan"



Benefits

- ❖ Complete Junior and/or Senior rotations in the largest integrated healthcare system in the Nation while "Caring for America's Heroes".
- ❖ Valuable learning experience to enhance clinical opportunities in a variety of clinical settings.
- ❖ Upon program completion special considerations for opportunities in paid residency training programs within VA and HP Scholarships.
- ❖ Partnership with the University of Oklahoma HSC Fran & Earl Ziegler College of Nursing provide augmented clinical experiences that encourage learning and the development of critical thinking skills.

Junior Year

- ❖ **Dedicated VA faculty**, additional mentorship and resources available throughout Junior and Senior year.
- ❖ Students will precept in Medical-Surgical Acute Care settings.
- ❖ Students will rotate through various specialty areas including the GI Lab or Cardiac Cath Lab for additional experience with starting IV's, during the spring semester.



Senior Year

- ❖ Clinical rotations in Medical-Surgical, Critical Care, Emergency Room, Recovery Room, Mental Health and a Veteran Centric Community rotation.
- ❖ Leadership rotations entails up to 144 hours of hands-on experience with an experienced preceptor. Students practice skills learned in the various clinical settings.
- ❖ Engagement in quality improvement efforts and completion of an EBP Project with poster presentation.
- ❖ Exposure to a diverse patient population.
- ❖ Experiences in Veteran-Centered Care.



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