

## VA NURSE SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Are you interested in the care of Veterans and their families?  
We are actively recruiting for VA Nurse Scholars in their Sophomore and Junior years

### What it means to be a VA Nurse Scholar:

- Honor and prestige of affiliation and participation in a select student cohort.
- Immersion in Veteran-Centric topics with a focus on unique health care needs of Veterans. With the unique knowledge and expertise of Veteran care, VA Nurse Scholar graduates will be more marketable in terms of employment when applying to any VA nursing positions nationwide.
- Eligibility to participate in VA-specific programs (as applicable/where available), including the VA Post Baccalaureate Registered Nurse Residency Program, VA Registered Nursing Transition- to-Practice Program, if hired by the VA post-licensure.

### To be eligible you must:

- Be a natural-born or naturalized American Citizen
- Agree to complete the majority of your clinical rotations at VA Connecticut, as available
- Complete a transition course with a Capstone project on a Veteran-centric population issue, or complete the VA-STEP program
- Agree to annually update the VA Scholar Faculty at Fairfield University regarding current employment status, for 5 years after graduation

### How to apply:

- Interested students must submit a completed application along with a 300-word essay describing your interest in becoming a VA Scholar, as well as the attributes you possess that would make you an ideal candidate for becoming a VA Nurse Scholar.

Email application and essay to: [jgilo-tomkins@fairfield.edu](mailto:jgilo-tomkins@fairfield.edu)

Deadline for submission is: **December 1<sup>st</sup> of Junior Year**

Applications are currently being accepted. If selected, applicants will be notified by January. If you require additional information contact Dr. Janina Gilo-Tomkins, DNP, FNP-C, APRN.

VA Nurse Scholar Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Egan Nursing Program: Traditional Undergraduate BSN                      Accelerated BSN                      (circle one)

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you a natural born or naturalized American Citizen?

Yes                      No                      (circle one)

2. Are you a Veteran?

Yes                      No                      (circle one)

3. Do any of your family members (parents, siblings, or spouse) or close friends have a military background?

Yes                      No                      (circle one)

4. Have you ever worked or volunteered at a Veteran/Military facility?

Yes                      No                      (circle one)

Read the following statement and sign below:

If accepted as a VA Nurse Scholar, I agree to complete the majority of clinical rotations at VACT as they are available.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email application and 300-word essay to Dr. Janina Gilo-Tomkins at [jgilo-tomkins@fairfield.edu](mailto:jgilo-tomkins@fairfield.edu)