

Fostering Excellence

TRISERVICE NURSING RESEARCH PROGRAM

in Military Nursing Care

TSNRP





Army nurse ILT Dawn Dirksen checks a young girl's head in the village of Loy Karezak, Afghanistan / PHOTO COURTESY OF U.S. ARMY

“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

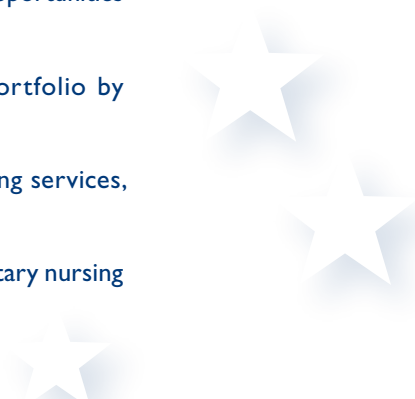


Who We Are

Since its founding in 1992, the TriService Nursing Research Program (TSNRP) has funded more than 300 grants totaling over \$53 million, resulting in research published in more than 60 peer-reviewed journals. Our program serves nursing professionals and all patients by funding research that advances nursing practice and technology.

TSNRP was the creation of a group of Army, Navy, and Air Force nurses who believed a central agency would enable military nurses to conduct more effective research. 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. TSNRP was fully authorized in 1996 under Public Law 104-106, Sec 741.

The TriService Nursing Research Program's mission is to provide resources for the conduct and use of research to foster excellence in military nursing care. Our goals are:

- To increase military nursing research capacity by providing opportunities for such research.
 - To expand the breadth and depth of the research portfolio by encouraging and funding focused areas of investigation.
 - To develop partnerships for collaborative research among services, components, institutions, disciplines, and agencies.
 - To build an infrastructure that stimulates and supports military nursing research by supporting salient investigations.
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Navy nurse LT Megan Zeller checks on patient aboard hospital ship USNS Comfort / PHOTO BY SPECIALIST 3RD CLASS KELLY E. BARNES

“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



What We Do

- **GRANTS** | TSNRP issues two calls for proposals in several categories each year. Proposals are due in March and November. Funding decisions are based on a rigorous three-level review that assesses the scientific, programmatic, and military-specific strength of each proposal.
- **GRANTS ADMINISTRATION** | From your successful grant application through dissemination of your final report, TSNRP helps you with the administrative and regulatory requirements of your research. Our dedicated professionals bring their experience and knowledge to your team.
- **DISSEMINATION** | Important scientific research can be useful only if it is communicated effectively. TSNRP provides expert editorial services to help you prepare your final report for posting on the NTIS and CINAHL Web sites. TSNRP also supports grant recipients' podium and poster presentations at national and international nursing conferences.
- **RESOURCE CENTER** | The TSNRP Resource Center is the Program's educational arm. Our Grant Camp program shows you how to submit a successful proposal. To support your career development, we offer Advanced Camps for Seasoned Researchers and Mentors, where you will find workshops on such important topics as research design and statistical methods. The Center's workshop on Writing for Publication can help you effectively communicate your results in peer-reviewed journals.

The Resource Center publishes outreach materials, attends nursing research conferences to disseminate information about TSNRP, and informs university faculty and administrators about funding opportunities. The Center aids in planning conferences such as the Phyllis J. Verhonick Military Nursing Research Course, the Pacific Nursing Research Conference, and the Karen Rieder Research/Federal Nursing Poster Session at the annual AMSUS meetings.

- **REGIONAL SUPPORT** | Regional Research Pods are support networks led by doctoral-level nurse scientists in five geographic areas. Each Pod connects researchers in a geographic area to maximize collaboration, provide mentorship opportunities, foster research relationships, and support the sharing of resources.

OPPORTUNITIES



Ambulance bus transports patients from air base in Iraq for aeromedical evacuation to Germany / PHOTO BY LT COL DON SMITH, USAFR, NC

“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.”

Lt Col Karen Weis, USAF, NC



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Above (left to right) are Army nurse anesthetist COL Bruce Schoneboom, Navy CAPT Jacqueline Rychnovsky, and Air Force Lt Col Elizabeth Bridges.

On the front cover (left to right) are an Army nurse, a Navy nurse practitioner with patients in Papua New Guinea, and an Air Force nurse in trauma and pre-deployment training.