

IV. RESEARCH PRIORITIES

The TriService Nursing Research Program focuses on research areas that are unique to the military and critical to the health of military personnel. Funding opportunities cover researchers at all phases of their careers and are awarded for terms ranging from 1 to 3 years. Our research priorities are:

- **Force Health Protection**

A holistic examination of factors affecting the health care of operational personnel (e.g., war fighters, support personnel) and their families before, during, and after deployment.

- Fit and ready force.
- Deploy with and care for the warrior.
- Care for all entrusted to our care.

- **Nursing Competencies and Practice**

Description and evaluation of the military nursing competencies necessary to sustain a patient from point of injury or other health event through the continuum of care. Evaluation of educational interventions to enhance learning and retention of military nursing operational skill sets. Translation of research and other evidential knowledge into the clinical practice arena. Outcomes studies to evaluate effects of comparative treatments or implementation of evidence-based interventions.

- Patient outcomes.
- Quality and safety.
- Translate research into practice/evidence-based practice.
- Clinical excellence.
- Knowledge management.
- Education and training.

- **Leadership, Ethics, and Mentoring**

Description and evaluation of leadership and mentoring characteristics, approaches, and strategies and their effects on military nursing and/or patient care policies. Description and evaluation of the types of ethical issues that military nurses encounter in practice, and the types of education, topics, and resources helpful to ethical military nursing practice.

- Health policy.
- Recruitment and retention.
- Preparing tomorrow's leaders.
- Care of the caregiver.

Detailed research priorities are available at <http://www.usuhs.mil/tsnrp>.