

III. RESEARCH PRIORITIES

In 2001, TSNRP identified five areas on which to focus its research efforts. In 2002, these research priorities were refined based on current Service-specific needs.

- **Deployment Health:** Research designed to examine physiological and psychosocial factors of individuals and families that affect readiness before, during, and after deployment, and the provision and evaluation of nursing care in the military environment.
- **Developing and Sustaining Competencies:** Research designed to identify the methods of developing nursing expertise in multiple venues. This research may include the identification of the continuum of nursing skills during peacetime and wartime, factors that enhance the genesis, maturation, and retention of those skills, as well as the effect of mentoring on that continuum.
- **Recruitment and Retention of the Work Force:** Research designed to identify factors associated with recruitment and retention of nursing personnel in the military health care system.
- **Clinical Resource Management:** Research designed to identify and test staffing models for the provision of safe and cost-effective care.
- **Military Clinical Practice and Outcomes Management:** Research designed to inform military nursing practice as well as to identify those interventions that have been supported by findings or previous research and found to be efficacious. Outcomes research is an important scientific methodology developed to examine the end result of patient care strategies, including non-traditional methods and perspectives from evaluation research, epidemiology, and economic theory.

The TSNRP supports studies with relevant operational or deployment health topics and both quantitative and qualitative methodologies.

Applicants should familiarize themselves with the TSNRP's previously funded research. Details on these studies are available online at <http://www.usuhs.mil/tsnrf/funded/index.html>.