

Army Reserve Nurse Corps Fact Sheet

Age Limits: Up to 46 years of age, if older a waiver will be required.

Rank: Usually the entry rank varies between 2ND and 1ST Lieutenant. The Army Nurse Corps will determine the entry grade after your application is submitted. You will know before you raise your right hand.

You serve in the Army Reserve part-time: With the Army Reserves you are a "part-time" Nurse Corps Officer so you would keep your full-time job. You will serve in the capacity of an officer and a health care professional. You will learn from those with whom you serve and be a part of a unit that possesses esprit-de-corps unmatched in the civilian sector. You may attend CME's in lieu of weekend drills.

A Troop Program Unit (TPU): 1 weekend a month (generally Saturday and Sunday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.), 2-weeks a year. On normal drill weekends soldiers do various types of military/nurse training. The local unit is a U.S. Army Hospital (USAH) that also participates in humanitarian missions throughout the world. TPU's will generally pay for you to go to attend one CME per year (pay, registration, travel, hotel, and money for food).

Military Service Obligation (MSO): Upon receipt of your Commission as an Army Reserve Officer you will incur an 8-year obligation. For example, if you sign up for 3 years (required to receive bonus or student loan repayments) then you will still have 5 years left on your Military Service Obligation. If you wish to continue to serve in your current capacity you may, or you can also continue to serve your 5 years in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). In the IRR you do not report for duty anywhere or anytime. Your name is on a roster should the extreme need arise to call you back into service.

Incentives: Most Nurse Corps officers are offered between \$5000 and \$20,000 annual special pay for three years of service. If student loans need to be repaid, then there is a \$50,000 student loan repayment program.

Military Retirement: You need 20 of service before age 60 to be eligible for a military retirement.

Thrift Savings Plan: Reservists are eligible to contribute a portion of their reserve salaries and 100% of any bonuses into a federal Thrift Savings Plan similar to a 401K. This money is not matched BUT it is invested tax-free and grows tax-free.

Additional Benefits: In addition to pay, serving in the Army Reserve affords you qualify for low cost health insurance through Tri-Care. Your military ID card gives you unlimited use of military facilities at any military base, military commissary and all base Moral Welfare Recreation. These are just some of the benefits that you will receive for your part-time service to our country.

Application Process: Submit C.V., Schedule Medical Physical, Submit application; receive a Commission as a Nurse Corps Officer, serve part-time.

Web Site for More Information: <http://www.armymedicine.army.mil/>

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