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Sophomore students interested in applying to the College of Nursing's veteran-centric cohort program must be in good academic standing with the college. To be considered for the cohort program, students should submit their GPA and a one-page narrative about why they are interested in becoming a member of the VANAP program cohort. Sixteen students per year will be admitted to the cohort program.

All application materials should be sent by Dec. 1 to:

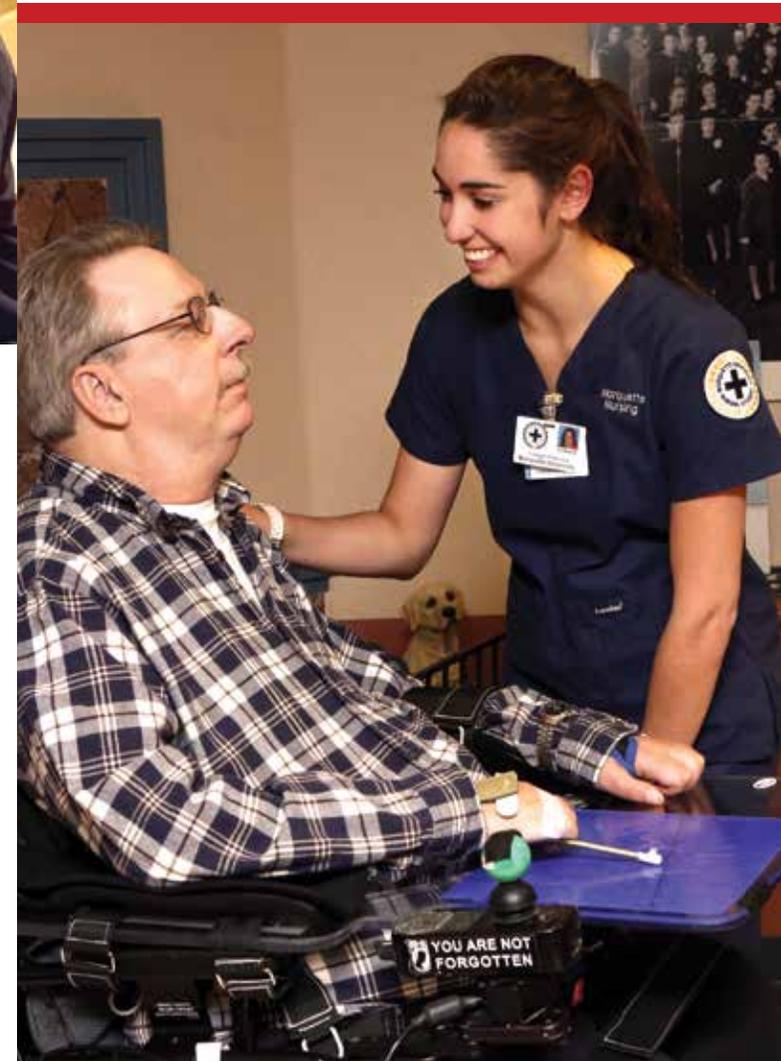
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Students will receive notification of acceptance into the cohort by Feb. 1. Accepted students will begin their immersion experience during the fall of junior year.



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Veteran-centric Cohort

Undergraduate students interested in veteran-centric care can apply to the competitive cohort program, in which they will follow the College of Nursing's pre-licensure curriculum but complete their five required clinical placements at the Milwaukee VA. The goal of the cohort program is to place graduates into nursing positions at the Milwaukee VA or another VA facility upon graduation.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing has projected that the nursing shortage could grow to 1 million registered nurses by 2025. The number of direct care nurses at the Milwaukee VA who are eligible for retirement is roughly 20 percent. The College of Nursing's veteran-centric cohort program will help fill expected future vacancies with nurses who are prepared to care for the specific needs of veterans and their families and who require less training and orientation time because of their clinical experiences in VA settings.

Study Abroad and Cultural Immersion

Students admitted into the College of Nursing's veteran-centric cohort may have the opportunity to participate in cultural immersion experiences at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago, Ill., and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. These experiences provide real-world clinical training at two of the Department of Veterans Affairs' busiest medical facilities.

About the VA Nursing Academic Partnership Program

In 2013, the Department of Veterans Affairs chose the Marquette University College of Nursing and Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center as one of six sites nationally to participate in the five-year VA Nursing Academy Nursing Academic Partnership Program. The \$5 million partnership incorporates veteran-centric care into the College of Nursing's pre-licensure curriculum to prepare all Marquette nursing students to promote health, healing and social justice for veterans and their families with compassionate, culturally based and spiritually reflective clinical practice.

As part of the VANAP program, the Marquette University College of Nursing and Milwaukee VA plan to work together to advance research related to veteran care and host an annual veterans health care conference. The College of Nursing also offers a veterans health care elective course open to all Marquette students.

The five other nursing programs chosen as partner schools in the VANAP program are Arizona State University, Emory University, New Mexico University, the Oregon Health and Science University, and the University of Minnesota.

“This significant partnership allows us to meet an important health care need in the Milwaukee community and be a part of the solution for the national nursing shortage.”

— Dr. Margaret Faut Callahan, Dean of the College of Nursing

