

Nursing



A Career in Nursing

VA Nursing employees provide professional, compassionate, state-of-the-art and cost effective care to ill, injured, disabled or dying Veterans and their caregivers. Their innovative approaches help transform VA into a 21st century organization that is a leading provider of health care services. They deliver care in a variety of settings, such as hospitals, outpatient clinics, community living centers, rehabilitation facilities and homes throughout America.

The Department's nursing staff provides high-quality patient care that maximizes self-care and independent functioning, and facilitates positive adaptation to changes in health status. VA Nurses are a dynamic, diverse group of honored, respected and compassionate professionals who have the opportunity to provide nursing care in a variety of career paths, whether clinical, supervisory, consultative or advance practice. VA Nurses opt for "the employer of choice" in order to provide "the best care anywhere." These professionals are frontline care providers working directly with patients to ensure that VA achieves its mission to care for Veterans and their families.

Nurse Anesthetist

The Nurse Anesthetist series assesses a patient's pre-operative physical status, administers regional and general anesthesia to assigned patients, and manages patient conditions during surgery. These Nurses manage the post-anesthesia care of patients through direct assessment, and they assure continuity of care from surgery to the recovery room. Positions include:

- Nurse Anesthetist

Nurse

The Nurse series provides care to patients in hospitals, clinics and communities by administering supportive treatments to patients undergoing surgery or other medical procedures, and promoting better health practices. These specialists perform

research in one or more phases of the nursing field and consult with and advise nurses who provide direct care to patients. Positions include:

- Nurse Recruiter
- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)

Practical Nurse

The Practical Nurse series provides a variety of nursing care and practices which do not require a full professional nursing education, but require the knowledge and skills represented by the licensing of practical and vocational nurses by a state, territory or the District of Columbia. Positions include:

- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)/ Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)

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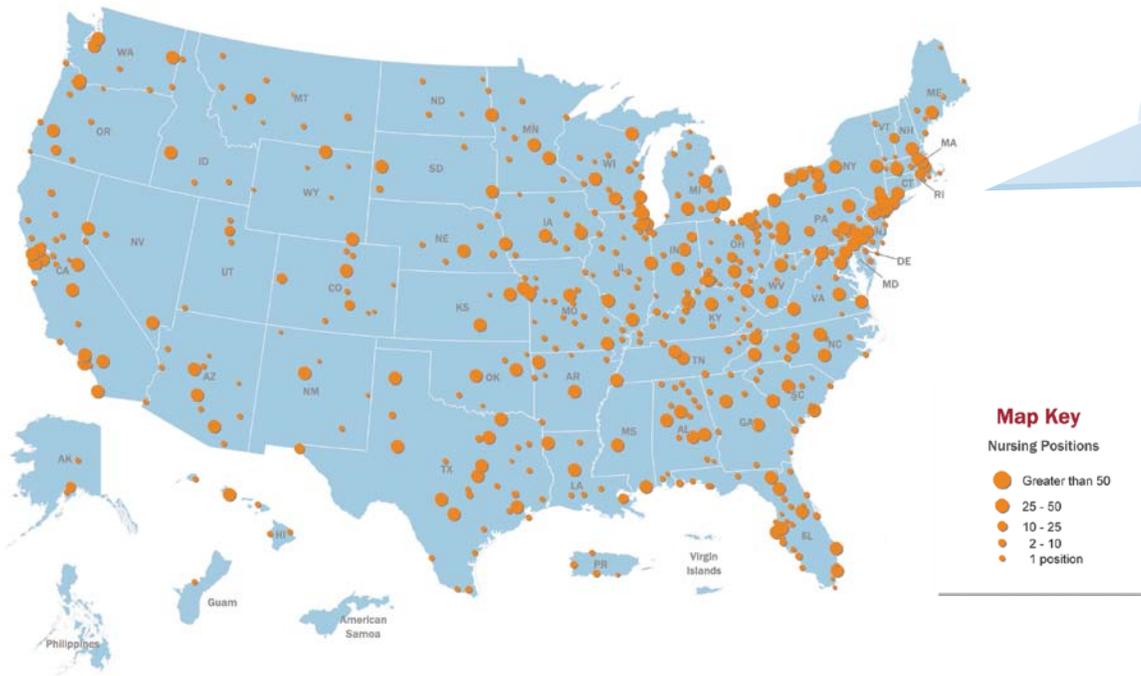
VA is committed to career development and supports employees' ambitions to grow, learn and advance. Building a career at VA is a partnership, and we are dedicated to providing you the career resources and materials you need to achieve success.

The MyCareer@VA program delivers interactive and engaging career development tools to help you explore and chart your long-term career path within VA.

Nursing Assistant

The Nursing Assistant series provides personal patient care and supports diagnostic procedures, technical nursing treatments, patient charting and patient teaching. These jobs do not require a full professional nursing education or knowledge and skills represented by licensure. Positions include:

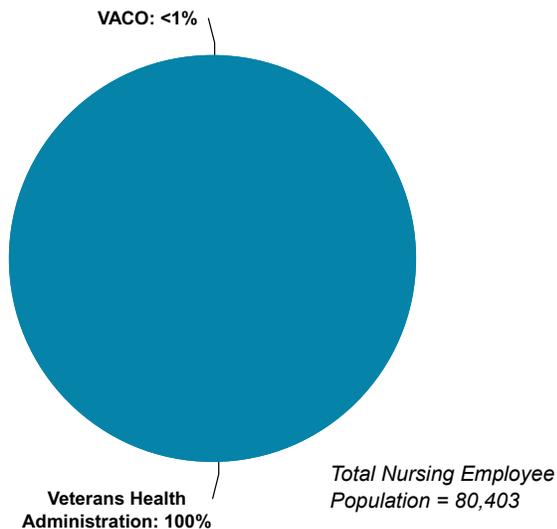
- Nursing Aid/Nursing Assistant



Nursing Job Locations

VA's Nursing positions are dispersed across 698 cities within the United States. The top five Nursing occupational family geographic locations are Tampa, Fla.; Houston, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Los Angeles, Calif.; and Minneapolis, Minn.

VA Nursing Job Distribution by Administration



VA's Nursing positions are located in the Veterans Health Administration to meet the broad range of needs facing the Department.

MyCareer@VA Tools and Resources

- ▲ **Career Planning Process** - Develop professional goals and align developmental experiences to VA career opportunities through a four-phase process: Prepare, Plan, Explore and Develop
- ▲ **My Career Mapping Tool** - Map your long-term career path at VA by exploring career possibilities that leverage your knowledge, skills and experience across multiple occupational families
- ▲ **My Career Fit Tool** - Discover your career "fit" at VA by identifying your work interests and work environment preferences
- ▲ **VA Career Guides** - Explore the knowledge, skills, education and training recommended for each VA job and related career levels

VA employees can also visit the VA Talent Management System (TMS), a state-of-the-art online training and employee development system, to search and register for training courses and learning opportunities.