The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) provides an opportunity for college
nursing students to receive practical, hands-on leadership experience. The courses
provide a chance for students to develop management, communication, and decision-
making skills in a non-threatening environment. Physical training and confidence-
building activities (i.e. rock climbing, rappelling, and obstacle courses) also provide a
chance for students to be physically and mentally challenged.

Students who are interested in obtaining Bachelors in Nursing from the Salisbury
University may enroll in ROTC. Students may enroll as freshmen, sophomores or in
their first semester junior year. Upon completion of the program, students are
commissioned as officers in the United States Army.

Financial Benefits

Scholarship Students: 2 and 3 year scholarships are available to nursing students:
All scholarships provide:

- Full Tuition & Fees
- Books: $1200 per year
- Personal spending money (stipend): $350-$500 per month, tax-free, during
  the school year (up to $4,000 per year)
- Reimbursable Expenses:
  o Clinical Nursing Fees
  o Malpractice Insurance
  o Immunizations
  o Nursing Uniform and Clinical Supplies
  o NCLEX-RN Review Course
  o NCLEX-RN Testing Fee

Criteria for Scholarships:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be between the ages of 17 and 31
- Current cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 to qualify for scholarship (2.0 to qualify
  for entrance into the Army ROTC Program)
- Physically fit and able to pass the Army Physical Fitness Test
- Be medically qualified
- Agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a
  Reserve Component (U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard)

* Competitive candidates for an Army ROTC Scholarship will have at least a CGPA of 3.0.

Non-Scholarship Students: Students can participate in ROTC without a scholarship
and upon receiving a contract will receive $350-500 per month (up to $4,000 per year)
during their sophomore, junior and senior years.
**Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP)**

The NSTP is a three-to-four week "hands on" **120 clinical hour** and 4 credit elective only available to Army ROTC nurse cadets. Attendance is voluntary. This 4 credit elective is conducted at over 20 Army hospitals in the United States, Hawaii and Germany. Cadets get paid while attending the NSTP during the summer between junior and senior years of college. During this clinical elective, cadets receive experience under the direct supervision of a preceptor – an Army Nurse Corps officer who works with the cadet one-on-one. In addition to the 120 clinical hours and 4 credits towards your degree, cadets are introduced to the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of a new officer in the Army Nurse Corps.

**What happens after Graduation?**

Cadets will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army. Each student must pass the NCLEX before being accepted for duty in the Army Nurse Corps. En route to the new officers’ first assignments, all will attend the Officer Basic Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where they will study basic Army knowledge and the functioning of an Army unit. The first assignment, which is determined by evaluating college performance, ROTC standing, and personal preferences, can be one of over 25 hospitals in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Germany or Korea. Once the graduates have been working as an Army Nurse (on active duty for one year), they are eligible to attend a clinical specialty course of their choice. Currently, the course choices are: Perioperative Nursing, Critical Care Nursing, Obstetrical and Gynecological Nursing, Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing, Emergency Nursing, and Community Health Nursing.

**Service Obligation**

**Scholarship Recipients:** The total service obligation will be 8 years (of which the first 4 years are active duty). At the completion of the first 4 years, the officers may elect to continue on active duty or enter the Army Reserve for the remaining 4 years. There is also an Army Reserve/Army National Guard option in which a college student can hold a civilian job and pay back the 8 years by serving 1 weekend a month and 2 weeks a year. **Non-scholarship Recipients:** The total service obligation will also be 8 years, but the active duty commitment is only 3 years. After the completion of the first 3 years, you may elect to continue on active duty or enter the Army Reserve for the remaining 5 years.

**Application Procedures**

**Two and Three Year Scholarship Applications** are normally completed by college freshmen and sophomores. Students must be enrolled in the Salisbury Army ROTC Program in order to compete for potential scholarships.

For more information or specific questions regarding nursing in the United States Army please contact the ROTC Recruiting Operations Officer or view the following websites:

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