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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Veterans for Vets Disc Golf Tournament

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Army Nurse Corps Association Scholarship



One of the Army Nurse Corps Association's major initiatives is the Scholarship Program. Its purpose is the support of nursing education through scholarship funding to worthy students who are US citizens in an accredited baccalaureate or graduate nursing or anesthesia program. Below are the eligibility criteria and general information.

Who May Apply:

- Students currently enrolled in an accredited baccalaureate or advanced degree nursing or nurse anesthesia program who:
 - Are serving or have previously served in any branch, at any rank, of a component of the US Army (Active Army, Army National Guard, or Army Reserve);
 - Are not currently receiving funding by a component of the US Army (e.g., ROTC scholarship students and students receiving full GI Bill benefits are not eligible); and
 - As applicable, have received an Honorable Discharge.
- Nursing or anesthesia students whose parent(s), spouse, or child(ren) have current or previous service in a component of the US Army.

Eligible Educational Programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- RN to BSN
- Accelerated Nursing Degree programs
- Graduate Certificate in Nursing (minimum of one year (2 semesters) in length)
- Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN)
- Anesthesia and Nursing Doctoral programs
- Graduate degree in related healthcare fields (such as Public Health) in furtherance of a nursing career

Application Information:

- Applications for 2026 scholarships will begin to be accepted later this year or in early 2026. Visit the link below or scan the QR Code for details starting in late Fall.
- The Army Nurse Corps Association does not have an official relationship with the US Army, the Army Nurse Corps or the Reserve Officer Training Corps. Accordingly there is no military service obligation for the student receiving this scholarship.

Click HERE or **SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION**



ACADEMIC TOOLS

The Benefits of Taking Summer Courses in College

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Ever wonder about what benefits you would receive from taking summer courses? As the temperatures rise and the days get longer, many college students eagerly anticipate a well-deserved break during the summer months. While the idea of sun-soaked relaxation is enticing, there's a compelling case for considering summer courses as a valuable addition to your college experience.

Let's take a look at the numerous benefits of taking summer courses.

Faster Track to Graduation

One of the primary advantages of enrolling in summer courses is the opportunity to expedite your academic journey. By strategically incorporating summer courses into your academic plan, you may graduate ahead of schedule.

Whether you take the summer semester to catch up on prerequisites or to tackle challenging courses, summer sessions allow you to concentrate on a smaller number of subjects.

Additionally, an early graduation allows you to enter the workforce sooner and start making a positive impact on your chosen career path.

Smaller Class Sizes

Summer courses typically have smaller class sizes, creating a more intimate learning environment. With fewer students in a class, you have increased access to professors, fostering a more personalized and engaging educational experience. This is true for online students too.

Scholarship Options

Many universities offer scholarships specifically for students who are enrolled in summer classes. With online courses, students can easily attend school anywhere during the summer and get the financial help they need.

Different Course Offerings

Summer courses are mostly available online, providing you with the flexibility to learn anywhere, at any time. Some courses may even be offered in 7-week sessions, rather than the full 14-week sessions. This allows you to complete your course sooner in the semester and even provides opportunities to stack more courses into your schedule.

Lighter Course Loads

By taking courses in the summer, you can lighten your course load over the Fall and Spring Semesters if you want to stay on your set track for graduation (4 years). The reduced workload allows you to delve deeper into the material and develop a stronger understanding of the subject matter. It may even relieve stress or financial strain.

Flexibility

Summer courses often offer more flexibility in terms of scheduling, making them an ideal option for students with jobs, internships, or other commitments. Whether you're looking to take a full course load or just one or two classes, the condensed nature of summer sessions allows you to balance your academic pursuits with other interests and responsibilities.

Competitive Edge

Employers often appreciate candidates who demonstrate initiative, dedication and a strong work ethic. Completing summer courses showcases your commitment to continuous learning and can set you apart from other job applicants. It's an excellent way to build a diverse skill set and stay competitive in today's rapidly evolving job market.

While the allure of a carefree summer break is undeniable, the benefits of taking summer courses in college are equally - if not more - compelling. So, this summer, consider enrolling in courses that align with your degree plan and goals. Take advantage of the benefits that the summer semester provides students with!

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VA Benefits and Summer Semester

Things to keep in mind while using VA education benefits during summer semester:

- 10 credits is considered full time for summer semester
- Many summer classes are only offered as 1st or 2nd session rather than full session which can affect your monthly housing allowance
 - Be sure you are taking at least 5 credits during each session and reach out to the Veterans Center to help calculate housing if you are unsure
- Summer semester is slightly shorter than Fall and Spring so expect a more accelerated pace in your classes

TRIVIA

Where can you find your assigned textbooks for the semester?

The first 5 students to email the correct answer to veterans@suu.edu will be placed in a drawing for a Veterans Center trucker hat!

