



# Summer 2011

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Students in NLN accredited BSN program who have completed their junior year.
- Students with CGPA (cumulative grade point average) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (no grade lower than a B in a nursing course.)
- Students able to complete a minimum of 400 consecutive hours (10 weeks) as a Nursing VALOR participant at the VA Medical Center, Tomah, WI.
- Students who are a U.S. citizen and meet physical examination standards at the time of entry into the Nursing VALOR Program.
- Students who do not have an obligation to any federal scholarship program, a state, or other entity for professional practice after academic training.

## What does the Nursing VALOR Program offer?

- **Learning Opportunity:**

VALOR is an honors program with structured clinical experience for outstanding nursing students who have completed their junior year. The clinical experience will include didactic course work, competency-based clinical practice with a qualified RN preceptor and participation in nursing-focused clinical conferences. The Nursing VALOR Program provides the student with an opportunity to develop competence in a nursing specialty area and to learn VA policies and procedures.

- **Salary:** Approximately \$18.50/hour

No future obligations to VA will be incurred as a result of participating in this program. However, the Nursing VALOR Program participant who selects VA employment after graduation may be considered for employment as a registered nurse at a salary rate above the minimum, based on superior qualifications as evidenced by their participation in this program. Employment opportunities vary with each VA facility.

## How to apply:

1. Contact Dona Richards, at the Tomah VA Medical Center, for an application package (608) 372-1775.
2. Provide a letter from the Dean/Director of School of Nursing which is to include: a recommendation for nomination to the Nursing VALOR Program, verification of enrollment as a full-time student (as defined by the school), successful completion of the junior year by May/June 2011 and anticipated graduation within one year after entry into the Nursing VALOR Program.

3. Send completed application, official transcript of grades, and letter from Dean/Director to:

Dona M. Richards, RN, MSN  
 Educator/School Affiliations  
 VA Medical Center  
 500 East Veterans Street  
 Tomah, Wisconsin 54660

Completed applications must be received by March 11, 2011 to be considered.

Completed applications will be reviewed. Interviews will be scheduled the first 2 weeks of April, 2011.