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Daily News: VA Expands Nursing Education Program

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New partnerships between the Department of Veterans Affairs and "seven of the country's finest nursing schools" will ensure "world-class healthcare for veterans," according to a release from the VA.

The five-year, \$40 million VA Nursing Academy expands opportunities for nursing students at VA facilities, adds faculty at the schools to enroll more baccalaureate students and increases efforts to recruit and retain VA nurses, Peake said.

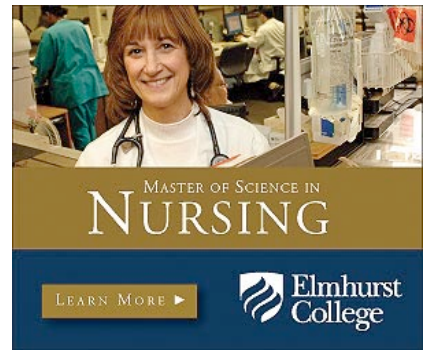
The seven new schools partnering with nine VA medical centers are Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston; Loyola University of Chicago; University of Detroit Mercy and Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan; University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City; Rhode Island College, Providence; and the University of South Florida, Tampa.

The VA currently provides clinical education for some 100,000 health professional trainees annually, including students from more than 600 schools of nursing.

The Nursing Academy program began in 2007 with the University of Florida, Gainesville; University of Utah, Salt Lake City; San Diego State University and Fairfield University, West Haven, Conn.

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