

Veterans Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Academic Year 2016-2017

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(VBSN)

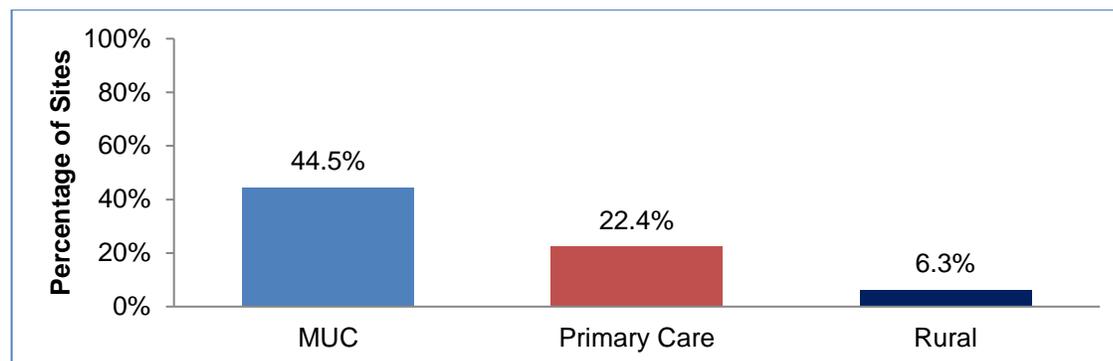
HRSA is the primary federal agency for improving health care to people who are geographically isolated or economically or medically vulnerable. HRSA programs help those in need of high quality primary health care by supporting the training of health professionals – focusing in particular on the geographical distribution of providers to areas where they are needed most.

The Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention program (NEPQR) has a variety of legislative goals and purposes that ultimately aim to increase the size, preparation, and quality of the nursing workforce. The Veterans Bachelor of Science in Nursing (VBSN) program is one sub-component within NEPQR, where the primary goal is to facilitate the transition of veterans into productive, meaningful careers in the civilian sector after their military service for our nation – by supporting their entry into the field of professional nursing while building upon skills, knowledge, and training acquired during military service. Below is a descriptive summary of the characteristics and accomplishments of grantee programs and trainees who received VBSN support during Academic Year 2016-2017.

Select Program Characteristics

Program Name	Awardees	Trainees	Trainee Characteristics				Graduates/ Program Completers
			Underrepresented Minority (URM)		Disadvantaged		
VBSN	29	953	321	33.7%	284	29.8%	265

Clinical Training Settings



Note: A Medically Underserved Community (MUC) is a geographic location or population of individuals that is eligible for designation by a state and/or the federal government as a health professions shortage area, medically underserved area, and/or medically underserved population. Training settings are not mutually exclusive.

Select VBSN Program Facts

- Approximately 57 percent of students received training in medically-underserved communities.
- A total of 3,720 students and advanced trainees participated in 141 newly developed or enhanced curricula.
- More than 100 faculty development programs and activities were offered, reaching a total of 1,312 faculty members across the Nation.
- More than 30 percent of prior year graduates were employed in critical access hospitals.

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