## MAKE IT YOUR MISSION

## **NURSING ASSISTANT**

### Find YOUR Total Reward\$ of a VA Career

At VA, you have more than a job—you have a mission to serve Veterans who have borne the battle with honor.

At VA, you are a part of a dynamic team of thousands of professionals helping provide high-quality healthcare to our Nation's Veterans. As a nursing assistant, you are an invaluable member of the inter-professional health care team. You help provide safe, effective, high-quality care as part of a dynamic team helping our hospitals outperform the private sector.





#### COVERAGE

Rest easy knowing that VA has you and your family's insurance needs covered. Insurance coverage may follow you into retirement after 5 years of vested service and maintaining FEHB in the 5 years leading up to retirement (conditions apply).



# CAREER AND GROWTH

Start your career at VA and benefit from opportunities to build your skills and professional growth by leveraging VA professional development programs to fit your specific long-term career goals.



# RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Earn an amazing retirement package including a traditional (defined benefit) federal pension, a 401(k) Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) with employer matched contributions, and Social Security.



# CREDIT FOR MILITARY

As a VA employee, you can choose to carry over eligible military service time that can be added to your total years of creditable service for retirement pension calculation purposes (conditions apply).





"As a CNA in the VA, I have compassion for people and I'm able to use my knowledge and experience. I'm dedicated to those who need help and connect well with Veterans. I really enjoy working with my VA."

Nora Lussier Nursing Assistant VA Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System

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# **SAMPLE TOTAL REWARD\$**

## Let's do the math!

# Find Your Total Reward\$ of a VA Career as a Nursing Assistant

This Total Reward\$ sample is a generalized report reflecting the potential monetized value of a full VA compensation package for a full-time employee\*



# Sample Annual Total Reward\$ Worksheet Compensation + Benefits = Your Total Reward\$\*

### **Direct Compensation**

Salary Examples	\$40,000	\$42,500	\$45,000
Total Rewards of Benefits Provided by VA			
Health Insurance Premium Subsidy	\$15,896	\$15,896	\$15,896
Social Security	\$2,480	\$2,635	\$2,790
Medicare	\$580	\$616	\$653
Basic Life Insurance	\$106	\$112	\$119
Thrift Savings Plan Federal 401(k) (Employer Contributions)	\$2,000	\$2,125	\$2,250
Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS)	\$6,640	\$7,055	\$7,470
Student Loan Repayment Program (conditions apply, \$40k max/yr.)	\$	\$	\$
Child Care Program (maximum benefit/conditions apply)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Annual Total Reward\$	\$72,702	\$75,939	\$79,177

<sup>\*</sup>This calculation is a sample only and does not constitute a contract of employment or a guarantee of benefits or future employment. Certain elements vary and are based on specific circumstances. If your service includes part-time calculations, your total reward\$ and benefits will be proportionally prorated. For more information, please see <a href="https://www.opm.gov">www.opm.gov</a>.

## Spend time with family and friends with paid leave

Take time off. At VA, you start your career with 37 to 50 days of paid time off each year. Paid vacation, sick leave, and 11 paid federal holidays accrue right away with no limit on carry-over of accumulated sick leave.



#### **Combined Leave**

Estimated total annual combined value of paid holidays, sick leave and annual leave (37 - 50 days):

Avg. Salary	Est. Total annual combined value (37 - 50 days)
\$40,000	\$5,673 - \$7,667
\$42,500	\$6,028 - \$8,146
\$45,000	\$6 382 - \$8 625



#### **Paid Parental Leave**

Estimated total paid parental leave (12 weeks, if taken conditions apply:

Avg. Salary	Est. Total paid parental leave (12 weeks, if taken)
\$40,000	\$9,200
\$42,500	\$9,775
\$45,000	\$10,350

This value estimate does not represent additional compensation, but rather the value of paid time off based on a \$40,000, \$42,500 and \$45,000 annual salary, number of 8-hour days of paid leave and holidays (37-50).