

West Haven VA and Fairfield University

1. NS 305: Mental Health (sophomore and juniors level undergraduates)

Dee Lippman

Incorporates Veteran content in this mental health class with emphasis on PTSD; TBI; and returning home (Lecture and simulations)

2. NS 645 Care of Children and Families (DNP program)

Nancy Manister

Incorporates the impact of deployment as a stressor on children and families as well as having a parent who is a veteran with lingering health issue

3. NS 301 Wellness to Illness (junior undergraduates )

Kathleen Lovanio

Evidence based practice: Incorporates components of the "TEACH" program to enhance patient-centered communication, health education, and health coaching skills. Classroom lecture and simulation are used as teaching strategies. Clinicals are scheduled in both community (some veteran specific sites when available - past attended Stand Down) and inpatient sites (at the VA). In the community students conduct health fairs and screenings regarding health promotion and disease prevention utilizing Healthy People 2020. In-patient settings students assess Veteran knowledge (new diagnoses, new medications, skills needed - BG testing, etc.) and develop a plan of care utilizing the acquired knowledge and skills of the TEACH program.

In addition, students are in-serviced on My HealthVet and with this knowledge they are prepared to have discussion and provide information on accessing My HealthVet to participants attending community events.

4. NS 272: Geriatric Nursing (Sophomore undergraduates)

Kathleen Lovanio

End of Life Nursing Education Consortium - Geriatric/Veteran is incorporated in the end of life content of this course as well as the demographics of Veterans in the geriatric population.