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**Most Honest &
Ethical Career in U.S.
for numerous years!**

***According to
annual Gallup Poll**

How to Become A Nurse

Your guide to pursuing the
career of your dreams.

**NATIONAL AVG.
ENTRY-LEVEL
BSN SALARY
RANGE
STAFF NURSE (RN)**

**\$52,730 -
\$83,587**

**According to Salary.com
June 6, 2022*

**THE LARGEST
HEALTHCARE
OCCUPATION**



RESEARCH & EXPLORE

LEARN THE LINGO

Browse www.discovernursing.com and other great websites to learn the difference between CNAs, LPNs, and RNs as well as ADN & BSN Degrees.

MAKE A LIST

Write down the areas of nursing that interest you. Here's a short list to get you going: Academic Nurse, Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Cardiology Nurse, Chemical Dependence Rehabilitation Nurse, Child Psychiatric Nurse, Critical Care Nurse, Emergency Room Nurse, Flight Trauma Nurse, Forensic Nurse, Geriatric Nurse, Home Care Nurse, Industry Nurse, Infection Control Nurse, Long-Term Care Nurse, Military Nurse, Neonatal Nurse, Nurse Anesthetist, Nurse Midwife, Obstetric Nurse, Occupational Health Nurse, Oncology Nurse, Palliative Care/Hospice Nurse, Pediatric Nurse, Pediatric Palliative Care Nurse, Perioperative (Operating Room) Nurse, Psychiatric Nurse, Research Nurse, School Nurse, Urology Nurse, Veteran's Affairs Nurse, and Many, Many More!

TALK TO ALL THE NURSES YOU KNOW

Find out likes and dislikes of the Job, Practice Areas, Typical Hours, and Professional Goals.

2021-2031
*6%
Job
Growth
Predicted

*According to the
Bureau of Labor Statistics

*Growing As Fast As Average
for All Occupations
in the U.S.



OBSERVE

CHECK WITH YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR / ADVISOR

See if your school or county sponsors a job-shadowing day.

CALL THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT. OF ANY HOSPITAL OR HEALTH CARE AGENCY

Be sure to mention that you are considering a career in nursing and ask if it will be possible to shadow your area(s) of interest. (e.g. OB, ER, NICU, etc.) AND, while you are at it, ask if they have any scholarship opportunities for those seeking an education in nursing.

SCHEDULE YOUR SHADOWING EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY EVERY MOMENT

Ask questions...(lots and lots of questions) while shadowing. Thank the nurse and facility for their cooperation and be sure to take a few moments to reflect upon your experience. Still curious about other specialties or environments? Repeat the experience in a different area.

Flexible Career, Flexible Schedules, Flexible Locations



EXPERIENCE

DECIDE IF YOU WOULD RATHER SEEK A VOLUNTEER OR PAID HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

This usually depends upon the time you have available as well as opportunities available in your area.

CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR WITHIN A LOCAL HEALTH CARE FACILITY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING

Assist by visiting, feeding, and transporting patients or by participating in social activities and event planning. Try to find your niche - - the more comfortable you are with patients now, the easier it will be when you are enrolled in a nursing program.

LOOK IN TO A LOCAL BNA (BASIC NURSE ASSISTANT) PROGRAM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A PAID HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Contact your local high school counselor or community college advisor to see if they offer a course in your area. Plan ahead as often there may be a wait list to participate in these programs. Keep certification current by working the required minimum hours each year upon licensure.



APPLY FOR PROGRAM

DETERMINE THE TYPE OF DEGREE YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE

Are you hoping to achieve an associate degree or a bachelor degree in nursing? An associate degree typically provides the quickest path into an entry-level RN position while a bachelor's degree will provide you with the highest educational level for an entry-level RN position. A bachelor's degree in nursing is often preferred or required for administrative and management-level nursing positions as well as those looking to go on with clinical practice (e.g. nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, etc.).

DETERMINE THE KEY ELEMENTS YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IN A NURSING SCHOOL

It's important to have a feel for the key elements you would like to experience in a nursing program. What factors will you find most influential? Location, convenience, size, flexibility, reputation of program, and cost are a few items that most students consider.

FIND OUT IF YOU WILL MEET ADMISSION CRITERIA

Go to the websites of nursing schools and talk with admission counselors to determine what you will need to become admitted into the nursing program of your choice. Most schools require specific prerequisite coursework, a minimum GPA, and minimum admission test scores in order to become admitted. Talk with each school to determine your potential eligibility.

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