

# NURSING

## **ABOUT A DEGREE IN NURSING**

A bachelor's degree program is one entrance into the field of nursing. Individuals must complete a national licensing examination in order to obtain a nursing license. Advanced practice nurses— clinical nurse specialists, nurse anesthetists, nurse-midwives, and nurse practitioners— need a master's degree. Individuals who complete a bachelor's degree receive more education in areas such as communication, leadership, and critical thinking, all of which are becoming more important as nursing practice becomes more complex. Additionally, bachelor's degree programs offer more clinical experience in nonhospital settings. A bachelor's or higher degree is often necessary for administrative positions, research, consulting, and teaching (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics).

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Hospitals	Private Practice Offices	Nursing Facility
Home Health	Insurance Companies	Public Health
Occupational Health	Head Nurses/Nurse Supervisors	Nurse Midwives
Counseling	Medical Marketing	Pharmaceutical
Teaching		

## **RELATED SKILLS**

Accuracy	Communication	Observing
Problem Solving	Interpersonal	Planning
Multi-Tasking	Organization	Focus
Independence	Analytical Skills	

## **HIRING INSTITUTIONS**

Hospitals	Nursing Homes	Medical Centers
Colleges and Universities	School Districts	Non-Profit Organizations
Government Agencies	Corporations	Clinics
Armed Services	Health Clubs	Resorts

## **JOB OUTLOOK**

Overall job opportunities for nurses are expected to be excellent, but may vary by employment and geographic setting. Some employers report difficulty in attracting and retaining an adequate number of nurses. Employment of nurses is expected to grow much faster than the average and, because the occupation is very large, 581,500 new jobs will result, among the largest number of new jobs for any occupation. Additionally, hundreds of thousands of job openings will result from the need to replace experienced nurses who leave the occupation. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

## **WORK ENVIRONMENT**

Nurses, regardless of specialty or work setting, treat patients, educate patients and the public about various medical conditions, and provide advice and emotional support to patients' family members. Nurses record patients' medical histories and symptoms, help perform diagnostic tests and analyze results, operate medical machinery, administer treatment and medications, and help with patient follow-up and rehabilitation. Nurses teach patients and their families how to manage their illnesses or injuries, explaining post-treatment home care needs; diet, nutrition, and exercise programs; and self-administration of medication and physical therapy. Nurses also might run general health screening or immunization clinics, blood drives, and public seminars on various conditions. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

## **COMPANIES THAT HIRED TU STUDENTS**

Affinity4	Atlantic General Hospital	Cancer Treatment Centers of America	Children's Medical Center
Coast Plaza Hospital	Community Hospital	Cook Children's Hospital	Duncan Regional Hospital
Heart Hospital	Hillcrest Medical Center	Houston NW Medical Center	Mercy Medical Center
Methodist Hospital	Northwestern Hospital	Oklahoma Heart Institute	Philadelphia Hospital
Saint Francis Hospital	Saint John Medical Center	Saint Louis Children's Hospital	SouthCrest Hospital
Tulsa Health Department	United States Navy		

(Source: TU Career Services)

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