Nursing

If you want a career with:

- An opportunity to help people
- A job with responsibility
- Excitement and challenges
- A chance to work with people
- A career with advancement potential
- A career with excellent salary and benefits
- A wide choice of employment opportunities

Look at what Registered Nursing has to offer
If you like to work with people . . . if you want a job that gives you decision-making responsibility . . . if you want to be on the cutting edge of the latest healthcare advancements and technology . . . if you want to help people . . . and if you’re seeking a career that offers exciting challenges . . . nursing has more to offer than you ever imagined!

It's an exciting time for anyone choosing a nursing career because nurses have many opportunities available to them. Not only do they have a more important role in patient care and decision-making, nurses have the chance to work in a variety of settings and be better paid than ever before.

Who Can Be A Registered Nurse?

There are no social or economic requirements to be a nurse. Men and women of all ages and from all walks of life have chosen the rewards of nursing careers. Today's nurse must be intelligent, caring, creative, and able to understand and work well with all kinds of people. Those who select nursing as a profession should have mature judgement, enjoy learning, have good study habits, and a lifelong commitment to learning.

What Do Nurses Do?

The practice of registered nursing in Ohio involves providing nursing care requiring special knowledge, judgment, and skill to individuals and groups. Nursing care can involve, but is not limited to, giving direct patient care (such as giving medications and performing prescribed treatments) and providing health counseling/health teaching to patients and their families. Nurses obtain the necessary knowledge and skills to practice through formal education programs.

More than ever before, nurses are valuable and respected members of the health care team with an increasing number of opportunities available to them in clinical, supervisory, administrative, educational and managerial roles. Nurses give nursing care to sick people, but some nurses also plan, direct, and teach community health and wellness programs to keep people healthy and prevent certain health problems from occurring. Nurses are involved in planning health care facilities, developing community health policies, and commenting on public health issues. This is an exciting time to be a nurse because of numerous employment options and the public’s high regard for the valuable contributions nurses make.

Where Do Nurses Work?

Those who select nursing careers have a wide variety of employment options available to them. Nurses may choose to focus their work on a special group of people, such as children or older adults. Opportunities for nurses are available in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, clinics, business & industry, schools, community health agencies,
and private practice. Nurses can work in specialty settings like psychiatric hospitals or hospices for the terminally ill. They are needed in physician offices and nursing homes. Nurses can work in the homes of patients requiring home health services. They can select a specialized area, such as emergency services, medical, surgical, labor & delivery, critical care or mental health. International health opportunities are available through the World Health Organization and other organizations. The military services also offer other options for those interested in nursing.

In addition to the intellectual challenge, nursing offers opportunities almost everywhere throughout the United States and abroad. The need for qualified, caring nurses in all types of health care settings means nurses can find jobs almost wherever they decide to live.

Today, the flexible work schedules available to many nurses may mean longer weekends or days off during the week, allowing the freedom to take classes, pursue hobbies or enjoy time away from work.

A nursing career may be combined with other disciplines, such as law and politics. Nurses are also employed in various fields, such as education, computer software, insurance, research, law, pharmaceutical and publishing companies.

Are There Opportunities For Advanced Degrees In Nursing?

Nurses have the opportunity for additional academic preparation at the Masters and Doctoral levels. Graduate education enhances complex decision making and clinical skills. In addition this education prepares nurses for careers in administration, education, research and/or advanced practice. Advanced practice nursing positions include nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse anesthetists, and nurse midwives.

How Can I Become A Nurse?

Preparation for a nursing career starts with successful completion of introductory courses required for entrance into nursing programs, including English, science, and mathematics. Each school or college of nursing has its own specific requirements. Graduates of these approved nursing programs are then eligible to take a national licensing exam to qualify them for state registration and licensure.

Academic Preparation

Applicants to a nursing program must meet the specific academic requirements of the program selected. In general, most nursing programs require completion of at least introductory courses in chemistry, biology, and math (including algebra).
Planning your high school program means selecting the right courses, particularly in science, math, and English. Discuss your career plans and courses with the guidance counselor. You may wish to request information from several schools or colleges of nursing so you can compare the different programs and admission requirements.

Choosing A Nursing Program

Selecting a nursing education program that is best suited to your career goals is very important. Currently, there are three major types of nursing programs:

Associate Degree (ADN) Programs (2 years)
- are usually offered by a community or technical college
- provide general education and science courses similar to that of other associate degree programs
- provide the opportunity to acquire technical competencies and knowledge of nursing practice
- prepare graduates primarily for direct nursing care positions in hospitals, long-term care, and community agencies
- graduates are eligible for admission into baccalaureate degree programs

Diploma Programs (2–3 years)
- are offered by a hospital with selected courses usually provided through a local college
- provide some general education courses and the opportunity to learn skills needed for nursing practice
- prepare graduates primarily for positions in hospitals, medical clinics and nursing homes
- graduates are eligible for admission into baccalaureate degree programs

Baccalaureate Degree (BSN) Programs (4 years)
- are offered at a college or university
- offer a well-rounded education in liberal arts and science similar to that of other baccalaureate degrees
- provide the opportunity to acquire knowledge of emerging theories and practices in nursing, and to apply current nursing research
- prepare graduates for positions in a wide variety of settings that include home health agencies, community agencies, wellness clinics, industry, hospitals and medical clinics
- provide the background necessary for graduate school studies
What Do You Do Next?

If you want more information about nursing, contact the school(s) of your choice. A list of area schools is on the next page. A list of schools in a larger geographic area can be obtained from HEALTH-UC. A college admissions counselor can give you specific information on which high school courses are required for admission to that school and to the nursing major. The admission office can also arrange a tour of the campus and school of nursing.

There are a number of nursing organizations that can send you additional information including:

National League for Nursing
61 Broadway
New York, NY 10006
212-363-5555
800-669-1656
www.nl.n.org

American Nurses Association
600 Maryland Avenue, SW, Suite 100W
Washington, DC 20024-2571
800-274-4262 (ANA)
www.ana.org

The Ohio League for Nursing
2800 Euclid Avenue, Suite 235
Cleveland, OH, 44115
216-781-7222

The Ohio Board of Nursing
17 South High Street, Suite 400
Columbus, OH, 43215
614-466-3947
www.ohio.gov/nur/

The American Hospital Association Center for Nursing
Assembly of Hospital Schools for Nursing
One North Franklin, 27th Floor
Chicago, IL 60606-3411
312-422-3000
www.aha.org

Ohio Nurses Association
4000 East Main Street
Columbus, OH 43213-2983
614-237-5414 ext. 1020
www.ohnurses.org
Nursing Programs in Southwest Ohio

Associate Degree (ADN) Programs (2 years)
Cincinnati State
Technical & Community College
3520 Central Parkway
Cincinnati, Ohio 45223-1767
513-861-7700 (Admissions)
www.cinstate.cc.oh.us

Miami University
Hampton Campus
1601 Peck Boulevard
Hamilton, Ohio 45011-3399
513-785-3111
www.ham.muohio.edu

Miami University
Middletown Campus
4200 East University Boulevard
Middletown, Ohio 45042-3497
513-727-3200
www.mid.muohio.edu

Southern State Community College
100 Hobart Drive
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133-9488
800-628-7722
937-393-3431
www.soucc.southern.cc.oh.us

University of Cincinnati
Clermont College
4200 College Drive
Batavia, OH 45103
513-732-5200
www.clc.uc.edu

University of Cincinnati
Raymond Walters College
9555 Plainfield Road
Blue Ash, Ohio 45236-1096
513-745-5700
www.rwc.uc.edu

Diploma Degree Programs (2–3 years)
Christ Hospital School of Nursing
2139 Auburn Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219-2989
513-585-2401
www.health-alliance.com/christnursing.html

Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing
375 Dixmyth Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45220-2489
513-872-2743

Baccalaureate Degree (BSN) Programs (4 years)
College of Mount St. Joseph
Department of Nursing
5701 Delhi Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45233-1670
513-244-4531
800-654-9314
www.msj.edu

Miami University
Hampton Campus
1601 Peck Boulevard
Hamilton, Ohio 45011-3399
513-785-3000
www.ham.muohio.edu

University of Cincinnati
College of Nursing
P.O. Box 210038
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221-0038
513-558-5500
www.nursing.uc.edu

Xavier University
3800 Victory Parkway
Cincinnati, Ohio 45207-1088
513-745-3301 (Admissions)
800-344-4698
www.xu.edu

Nursing is a privileged profession. It touches people's lives in important and meaningful ways. It offers wide opportunities for personal growth, career advancement, and financial rewards. Nurses play a vital role in today's health care system, in the health of our communities, and in the safety of the workplace. Nursing offers the opportunity to make a difference.

University of Cincinnati
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Georgetown, Ohio 45121-1497
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