

# Nursing

Nurses make up the largest single group of health care professionals. There are four times as many nurses as there are physicians in the United States. The demand for nurses is expected to grow through the next decade because of a growing need for medical care for an aging population and because of the expected retirement of large numbers of current nurses.

## Working in Nursing



Many nurses work in hospital settings, medical offices and clinics, nursing homes, and home health care. Nurses specialize in such areas as pediatrics, obstetrics, psychiatry, surgery, intensive care and emergency medicine. Nurses with advanced training and certification can also work as a nurse midwife, nurse anesthetist, or nurse practitioner. Nurses can also move into health education, administration, or supervision. Because of the increasing technical nature of modern nursing and the changes in the health care field in general, continuing training and flexibility in job settings is necessary.

According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, median yearly income for registered nurses across the country was \$57,280 in 2006 with the middle 50% of nurses earning between \$43,370 and \$63,360. Specialty nurses such as Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Midwives, and Nurse Anesthetists can earn an average of \$83,440 annually.

## Additional Information

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### All Nursing Schools

[www.allnursingschools.com](http://www.allnursingschools.com)

### American Association of Colleges of Nursing

[www.aacn.nche.edu/](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/)

### National League for Nursing

[www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org)

### CSU Premedica Club

[www.casa.colostate.edu/advising/preprof/med/club.cfm](http://www.casa.colostate.edu/advising/preprof/med/club.cfm)

### Human Health Pre-Professional Programs

[www.casa.colostate.edu/advising/preprof/index.cfm](http://www.casa.colostate.edu/advising/preprof/index.cfm)



## Center for Advising and Student Achievement

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## Health Track Advising

## Professional Programs

The preferred training for nursing is rapidly becoming the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (B.S.N.). The traditional B.S.N. involves four years of schooling. The first two years, often called “pre-nursing,” consist of coursework in science, math, communication, humanities, and the behavioral and social sciences, and requirements vary greatly from school to school. For the final two years, a student must apply and be accepted to the “clinical” portion of a BSN program. **CSU does not offer a BSN degree.** While it is *possible* at CSU to complete the “pre-nursing” courses many BSN programs require, many CSU science courses are more rigorous and designed for science majors, pre-med or other pre-health professional students than for nursing prerequisites. Please consult advisors at the nursing schools you are considering and a health professions advisor at CSU to determine how it would be best for you to complete your pre-nursing courses.

**For more information about specific nursing schools contact:**

[http://www.aacn.nche.edu/education/nurse\\_ed/nep\\_index.htm](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/education/nurse_ed/nep_index.htm)

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## Admissions Requirements

**Admissions requirements are GENERAL and *differ greatly* among nursing schools. Please contact the individual schools to discuss specific admissions requirements.**

- Minimum of 60 credits of college education
- Competitive cumulative GPA
- Application submitted to each school
- Letters of recommendation

### Typical Academic Prerequisites

General Biology	(1 semesters w/ lab)
General Chemistry	(1 semester w/ lab)
Organic Chemistry	(1 semester)
Microbiology	(1 semester)
Human Anatomy	(1 semester w/ lab)
Physiology	(1 semester w/ lab)
Pharmacology	(1 semester)
Pathology	(1 semester)
Mathematics	(College Algebra/Exp. Functions)
Statistics	(1 semester)
Nutrition	(1 semester)
Developmental Psychology	(1 semester)
English Composition	(1 or 2 semesters)
Multicultural Studies	(1 semester)
General Education	(2-4 semesters)

### Recommended CSU Courses

LIFE 102
CHEM 107/108
CHEM 245 (required at UNC)
LIFE 205 and LIFE 206
BMS 301
BMS 300 and BMS 302
BMS 450 (required at UNC)
MIP 315 (required at UNC)
MATH 117, 118, 124 (required at UCHSC)
STAT 201, 301 or 307
FSHN150 (most nursing schools) <b>OR</b> FSHN350 and FSHN450 (required at UNC)
HDFS 101
CO150, CO 300/301
ANTH100, Ethnic Studies, Women Studies
PSY100, SOC100 Courses from prefixes: POL, HIST, PHIL