

THINKING ABOUT NURSING SCHOOL?

Nursing is an extremely rewarding career that combines the art of caring and the science of nursing. As a nurse you have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others by focusing on the patient as a whole, not just a particular health problem. Registered nursing (RN) practice involves diagnosing and treating human responses to actual or potential physical and emotional health problems, as well as evaluating the outcomes of care.

Registered nurses function in a variety of roles and settings, depending upon education, competencies, and experiences. For example, nurses may work in high-tech settings such as those found in hospitals, or provide home health care in patients' homes, or give nursing care to the elderly and disabled in long-term care settings such as nursing homes. Nurses with graduate education may work as nursing faculty, researchers, administrators, or as Advanced Practice Nurses in direct patient care in many different types of settings.

Preparing for a career in nursing requires a solid foundation in math; the natural sciences such as chemistry, biology, or physics; and the social sciences, such as psychology or sociology. Currently, there are three types of nursing educational preparation that prepare the graduate to sit for a standardized test to become a Registered Nurse (RN). In today's labor market, new graduates have their choice of several job offers and start their nursing career with salaries in the low-to-mid \$50,000 range.

- The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is a university/college-based nursing educational program that can be completed within four years of full time study.
- The Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) is granted through community colleges. This nursing course of study can be completed in two years of full time study.
- Hospital-based/diploma schools of nursing are affiliated with a hospital and generally can be completed in two years of full time study. A diploma in nursing is awarded. Most New Jersey schools have cooperating agreements with community colleges and an Associate Degree (not in nursing) is also awarded.

All three types of nursing education programs prepare the graduate to sit for the same Registered Nursing (RN) examination. For further information regarding a specific program and the admission requirements, just click on the schools home page links found below, or call the schools for more information.

Baccalaureate Nursing (BSN) Programs

[Bloomfield College](#)

973-748-9000, ext.134

[College of New Jersey](#)

(609) 771-2541

[Fairleigh Dickinson University](#)

201-692-2888

[Felician College](#)

973-778-1190, ext. 6030

[Georgian Court University](#)

800-458-8422

[Ramapo College of Theoretical and Applied Science](#)

201-684-7500

[Richard Stockton College of NJ](#)

609-652-4250

[Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey \(Camden\)](#)

856-225-6226

[Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey](#)

Classes are offered on both the Newark and New Brunswick campuses

973-353-5293, ext. 630

[Seton Hall University](#)

973-761-9285

[Saint Peters College](#)

201-915-9412

[William Paterson University](#)

973-720-2673

Associate Degree Nursing Programs

[Atlantic Cape Community College](#)

609-343-5035

[Bergen Community College](#)

201-447-7181

[Brookdale Community College](#)

732-224-2418

[Burlington County Institute Of Technology](#)

609-894-9311

[County College of Morris](#)

973-328-5352

[Cumberland County College](#)

856-691-8600, ext. 306

[Essex County College](#)

973-877-1868

[Gloucester County College](#)

856-415-2179

[Mercer County Community College](#)

609-586-4800, ext. 3391

Middlesex County College

732-906-4660

Ocean County College

732-255-0400, ext. 2431

Passaic County Community College

973-684-5221

Raritan Valley Community College

908-526-1200, ext.8232

Salem County College

856-299-2100

Warren County Community College

908-835-9222

Hospital Diploma Nursing Programs

Bayonne Medical Center School of Nursing

201-339-9656, ext. 113

Capital Health School of Nursing

609-394-4050

609-394-4354

Christ Hospital School of Nursing

201-795-8360

Helene Fuld School of Nursing

856-481-9100

Holy Name Hospital School of Nursing

201-833-3005

Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing

973-429-6062

Muhlenberg School of Nursing

908-668-2400

Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing

856-782-2104

St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing

609-599-5190

Trinitas Hospital School of Nursing

908-659-5202

Accelerated BSN Program

Already Have a College Degree?

If you already hold a baccalaureate degree in a non-nursing field, there are a variety of ways you might become a Registered Nurses (RN). The following schools offer an accelerated program in nursing for students who hold a non-nursing college degree.

[Fairleigh Dickinson University](#)

201-692-2888

[Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey](#)

973-353-5293

[Seton Hall University](#)

www.shu.edu

973-761-9285

[University of Medicine & Dentistry of NJ](#)

973-972-4307

Still other schools, although none in New Jersey, offer what is called a “generic” masters for students who hold Bachelor of Science degree. It generally can be completed in two-years of full time study and the graduate can sit for the same nursing examination and become a Registered Nurse (RN) and at the same time earn a master's degree, usually in a nursing specialty area, e.g., pediatrics, geriatrics, maternal/child, women's health, etc. The graduate of this program is eligible to sit for a certification examination and become an Advanced Practice Nurse. Check out these possibilities for a fast-track to nursing at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Publications/Issues/Aug02.htm>

Practical Nursing (LPN) Programs

A Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) provides basic nursing care under the supervision of an RN or physician. Preparing for a career as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) requires one (1) year of nursing educational preparation. After graduation from a Practical Nursing program, the graduate can sit for the Practical Nurse examination and become a Licensed Practical Nurse. If you are interested in becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse, please contact the schools listed below for further information. Most of the schools have web sites, but if you click on the name and no web page appears, they do not have a web site.

[Atlantic County Vocational Technical School](#)

609-625-2249

[AVTECH Institute of Technology](#)

908-222-2833

[Best Care Training Institute](#)

973-673-3900

[Burlington County Institute of Technology](#)

609-654-0200

[Camden County College](#)

856-227-7200

Camden County Technical Schools

856-767-7000

Cape May County Technical School

609-465-2161

Center for Advanced Training and Studies

973-414-0116

Cumberland County Technical Education Center

856-451-9000

Dover Business College

973-546-0123

Dover Business College

973-366-6700

Essex County College

973-877-1868

Essex County Vocational School

973-395-8550

Gloucester County Institute of Technology

856-468-1445

HoHokus Hackensack School of Business and Medical Sciences

201-488-9400

HoHokus Hackensack School of Business and Medical Sciences

201-327-8877

Holy Name School of Practical Nursing

201-833-7209

Hudson County Community College

201714-7100

Jersey City Board of Education

201-333-6940

J. Riggs Adult Education Center (Camden)

856-966-2479

Lincoln Technical Institute

877-606-6583

Lincoln Technical Institute

877-533-8199

Lincoln Technical Institute

856-722-9333

Mercer County Technical School

609-587-7640

Merit Technical Institute

973-484-0276

Metropolitan Learning Institute

201-420-6020

Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School

732-613-9200

Monmouth County Vocational School District Practical Nursing Program

732-869-1181

Morris County School of Technology

973-627-4600

New Community Workforce Development Center

973-824-5484

Ocean County Vocational Technical School

732-657-3800

Passaic County Technical Institute

973-389-2021

Pinelands School. of PN & Allied Health Inc.

732-905-5057

Salem Community College

856-299-2100

Sierra Allied Health Academy

908-753-2400

Somerset County Technical Institute

908-526-8900

The Center for Allied Health & Nursing Education

201-489-5836

Union County College

908-791-4947

Universal Training Institute, Inc.

732-826-0165

[Vineland Adult Education Center of Practical Nursing](#)
856-794-6943

[Warren County Technical School](#)
908-835-2814