

# Nursing

## What can I do with this degree?



Nursing encompasses autonomous and collaborative care of individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities, sick or well and in all settings. Nursing includes the promotion of health, prevention of illness, and the care of ill, disabled and dying people. Advocacy, promotion of a safe environment, research, participation in shaping health policy and in patient and health systems management, and education are also key nursing roles.

### Skills

- Good communication and observation
- Ability to answer questions and offer advice
- Social perceptiveness
- Oral comprehension
- Judgment and decision making
- Problem sensitivity
- Critical thinking

### Areas of Specialization

- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Critical Care
- Home Health Care
- Emergency / Trauma
- Holistic
- Infusion
- Long-term Care
- Medical/ Surgical
- Occupational
- Perianesthesia
- Preoperative
- Nurse Educator
- Psychiatric
- Radiologic
- Rehabilitation

### Certifications

- Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)-state governmental agency established by law to protect the public by regulating the practice of registered nurses; must pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN)
- National League for Nursing- must pass the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) exam, this certification communicates to students, peers, and the academic and health care communities that the highest standards of excellence are being met
- American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)- validates nurses' skills, knowledge and abilities, and are recognized and accepted by all state boards of nursing and by the U.S. military

### Degrees Offered at Texas State

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

### Other Degrees and Certifications

- Associates Degree in Nursing (RN)
- Masters Degree in Nursing
- Licensed Vocational Nursing Degree (LVN)

### Career Paths

*(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)*

### Clinical

#### Sample Job Titles

- Licensed Vocational Nurse
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric Technician
- Occupational Health Nurse
- Staff Nurse
- Nurse Midwife
- Research Nurse Specialist

### Possible Work Settings

- Hospital
- Physicians' Offices
- Outpatient Care Centers
- Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories

## Education

## Sample Job Titles

- Professor/Instructor
- Researcher

## Possible Work Settings

- College or University

## Resources

### Professional Organizations

- National League for Nursing, [www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org)
- American Psychiatric Nurses Association, [www.apna.org](http://www.apna.org)
- American Nurses Association (ANA), [www.nursingworld.org](http://www.nursingworld.org)

### Student Organizations

- Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Society  
<https://sa.txstate.edu/studentorgs/public/index.asp?Org=369>

### Job Search Sites

- Health Career Web [www.healthcareerweb.com/jobs/search/?q=respiratory+care](http://www.healthcareerweb.com/jobs/search/?q=respiratory+care)
- Medical Workers <http://www.medicalworkers.com/>
- Career Builder <http://www.careerbuilder.com/>

### Additional Resources

- Bureau of Labor Statistics <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos299.htm>
- Sigi3 [http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/Students/Career\\_Exploration/sigi3.html](http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/Students/Career_Exploration/sigi3.html)
- O-Net Online <http://www.onetonline.org/>
- Bureau of Labor Statistics <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm>
- National League for Nursing <http://www.nln.org/facultycertification/index.htm>
- Texas Board of Nursing [http://www.bon.state.tx.us/practice/gen\\_practice.html](http://www.bon.state.tx.us/practice/gen_practice.html)

- Texas State University <http://www.health.txstate.edu/nursing/about/vision-mission.html>
- Nursing Specialties <http://onlinenursingschoolprograms.com/nursing-career-specialties/index.htm>
- American Nurses Credentialing Center <http://www.nursecredentialing.org/Certification.aspx>
- Nursing Skills <http://www.nursingschools.net/articles/nursing-skills>

### Career Library Resources

- Ferguson's *Exploring Health Care Careers* Volume 1
- Ferguson's *Exploring Health Care Careers* Volume 2
- Ferguson's *Career in Focus: Nursing* 2<sup>nd</sup> edition
- *Your Career in Nursing* by Annette T. Vallano
- *Nursing as Your New Profession* by Barbara Arnoldussen
- *Opportunities in Nursing Careers* by Keville Frederickson
- *Opportunities in Holistic Health Care Careers* by Gillian Tierney
- *Careers in Nursing* by Terrence J. Sacks

### Information Compiled from:

- *Texas State University Career Services, Healthline*
- *Commission on Accreditation Allied Health Programs*
- *Bureau of Labor Statistics*

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