

A High School Student's Guide to Nursing Programs and Other Medical Professions



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“Nursing” Defined

Registered Nurse (RN) and Other Medical Professions

*All information obtained from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Registered Nurses and other medical professions will experience, from 2014-2022, employment growth much faster than the average of all occupations. This growth will occur for a number of reasons, including an increased emphasis on preventative care, a growing number of chronic conditions, and the demand for healthcare services from the “baby boomer” generation as they live longer and more active lives (www.bls.gov/ooh).

Registered Nurse: RNs provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about various health conditions, and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members.

- Projected Growth (2014-2022): 19%
 - Average Wage: \$30-34 / hour
 - Education: Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree
 - Work Environment: Hospitals, nursing homes or residential care facilities, home health care service (Note: Some hospitals do not hire RNs with only an Associate’s Degree)
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Certified Nursing Assistant: Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) help provide basic care and patient comfort.

- Projected Growth (2014-2022): 21%
- Average Wage: \$10-14 / hour
- Education: State-Approved Education Programs (Careerline Tech Center, Community Colleges)
- Work Environment: Mostly nursing homes and residential care facilities, some hospitals

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (Ultrasound): Diagnostic medical sonographers operate special imaging equipment to create images or conduct tests. Sonographers specialize in creating images of the body’s organs and tissues.

- Projected Growth (2014-2022): 39%
- Average Wage: \$27-31 / hour
- Education: Associate Degree
- Work Environment: Hospitals, Physician offices, OB-GYN offices

Dietician/Nutritionist: Dieticians and nutritionists advise people on what to eat in order to lead a healthy lifestyle or achieve a specific health-related goal.

- Projected Growth (2014-2022): 21%
- Average Wage: \$25-29 / hour
- Education: Bachelor Degree
- Work Environment: Hospitals, nursing home and residential care facilities, physician offices

Emergency Medical Technician: EMTs care for the sick or injured in emergency medical settings. They respond to emergency calls, perform medical services, and transport patients to medical facilities.

- Projected Growth (2014-2022): 23%
- Average Wage: \$13-17/ hour
- Education: Post-Secondary Educational Program
- Work Environment: Ambulance services, hospitals

Home Health Aides: HHAs help people who are disabled, chronically ill, or cognitively impaired. Some states allow HHAs to distribute medication or check vital signs under the direction of a nurse or healthcare practitioner.

- Projected Growth (2014-2022): 48%
- Average Wage: \$10-12 / hour
- Education: High school diploma or equivalent
- Work Environment: Home health care services, residential care, & rehabilitation services

Licensed Practical Nurse: LPNs provide basic nursing care under the direction of registered nurses and doctors.

- Projected Growth (2014-2022): 25%
- Average Wage: \$18-22 / hour
- Education: Post-Secondary Certification
- Work Environment: Mostly nursing care facilities, physician offices, & home health care services

Medical Assistant: Medical assistants complete routine administrative and clinical tasks in the offices of physicians and other health practitioners. Duties vary by location, specialty, and size of practice.

- Projected Growth (2014-2022): 29%
- Average Wage: \$12-16 / hour
- Education: Post-Secondary Certification, Associate's Degree
- Work Environment: Physician offices, chiropractic offices, & other healthcare providers

Medical Laboratory Technologist: MLTs collect samples and perform routine and complex tests to analyze body fluid, tissue, and other substances.

- Projected Growth (2014-2022): 22%
- Average Wage: \$25-29 / hour
- Education: Bachelor Degree
- Work Environment: Hospitals, Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories, Physician offices

Nurse Practitioner: NPs, also referred to as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), provide and coordinate patient care and they may provide primary and specialty health care.

- Projected Growth (2014-2022): 31%
- Average Wage: \$44-48 / hour
- Education: Master's Degree
- Work Environment: Physician offices, hospitals, outpatient care centers

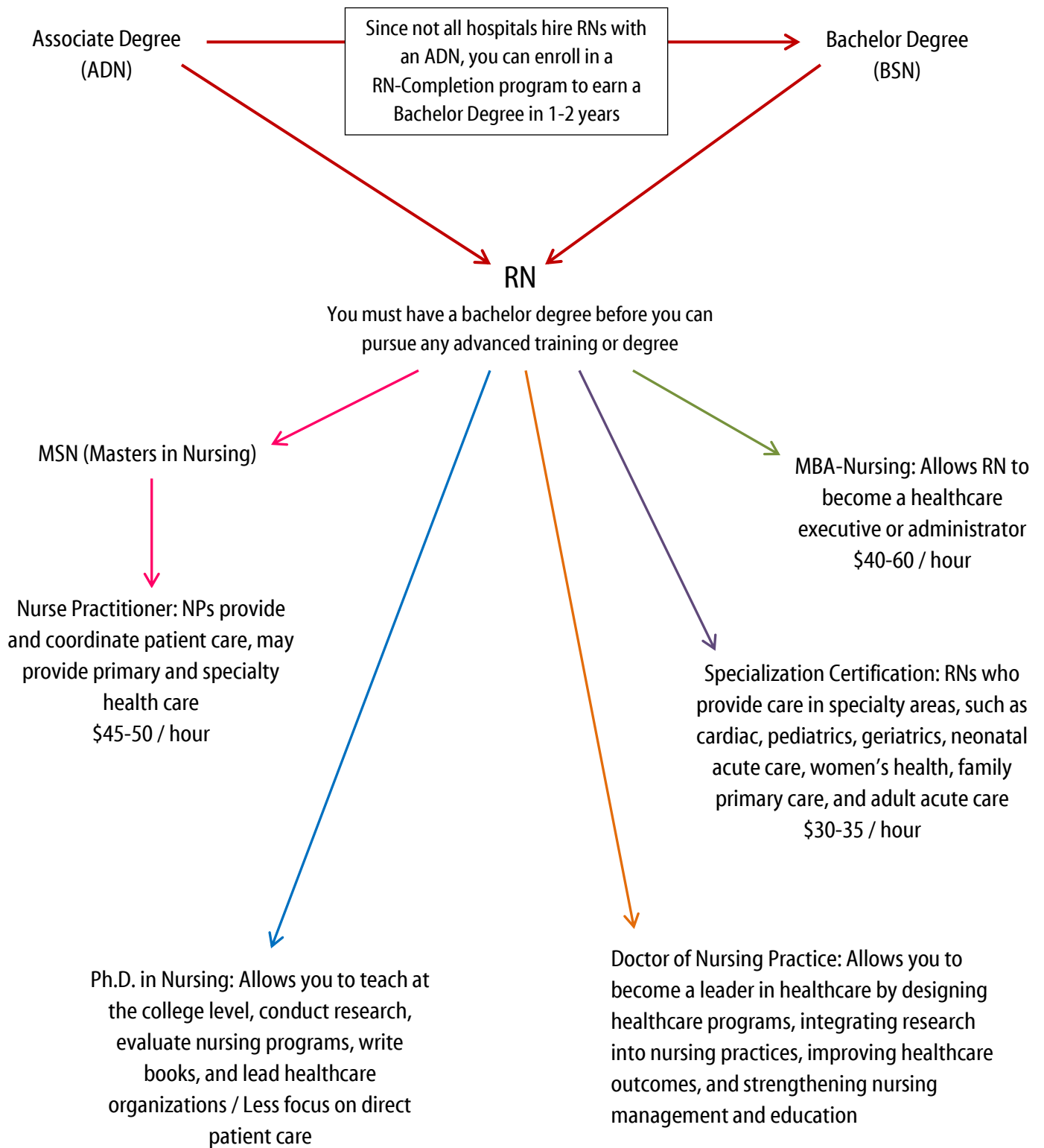
Phlebotomist: Phlebotomists draw blood for tests, transfusions, research, or blood donations.

- Projected Growth (2014-2022): 27%
- Average Wage: \$12-16 / hour
- Education: Post-Secondary Certification
- Work Environment: Hospitals, Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories

Radiologic Technician: Radiologic technologists perform diagnostic imaging examinations on patients. Radiologic technologists specialize in x-ray, and computed tomography (CT) imaging.

- Projected Growth (2014-2022): 21%
- Average Wage: \$22-28 / hour
- Education: Associate Degree
- Work Environment: Hospitals, Physician office

After Licensure: Continuing Education for RNs



Associate or Bachelor: Which Degree Is Better?

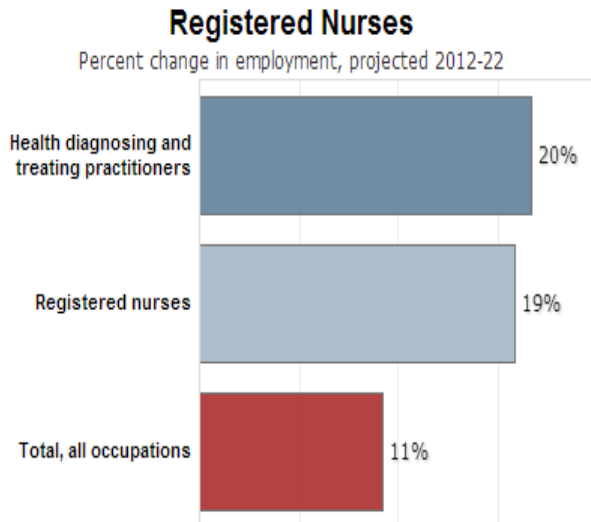
Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)

Advantages	Disadvantages
Since entrance into ADN programs is determined by the completion of program requirements, you are guaranteed to be accepted.	Even though you can get through these programs in 2-3 years, wait lists for these programs are quite long (2-4 years). It could potentially take you 5 or 6 years to ultimately earn your ADN.
Tuition at schools offering ADN programs is much cheaper than tuition at 4 year institutions.	Transferable general education courses are not usually built into the program's curriculum. You will need to spend an extra semester or a year to complete them.
ADN programs qualify you to take the same licensing exam (NCLEX-RN) as BSN programs. When you pass this exam, you can become an RN.	It is harder to find employment with an ADN. Candidates with a BSN are typically preferred over those with an ADN, and some hospitals will not hire licensed RNs who have an ADN.
With an ADN, you are able to enroll in RN-Completion programs that allow you to earn a BSN in 1-2 years (time frame varies based on the program).	Advancement in the field of nursing is very limited for RNs who only hold an ADN.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Advantages	Disadvantages
BSN curriculum offers more in-depth courses and specific training in other key areas like communication, leadership and critical thinking. These elements may be lacking in ADN programs.	BSN programs are competitive. Entry is based on GPA and other factors. Admission into the nursing program is not guaranteed.
A BSN allows more opportunity for employment. RNs with a BSN are at an advantage over those with an ADN and are able to work at more hospitals and medical facilities.	4 year schools typically require more general education courses than those with ADN programs. These extra classes will take time and effort away from your nursing and science courses.
A BSN is required for any RN looking to further their education and career prospects through specialization or graduate studies.	Tuition at these institutions is much higher. You will be paying more for all courses, including general education courses.

Prepare for the Growth: Career Outlook for Registered Nurses and Other Healthcare Professions



Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 19 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations. Generally, registered nurses with at least a bachelor degree in nursing will have better job prospects than those with an associate degree. Employers may prefer candidates who have some related work experience.

How to Prepare: Recommended High School Courses

- Math: Algebra, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, and Statistics
- Science: Biology, Chemistry 1/2/3, Physics 1/2, AP Biology
- Psychology, AP Psychology
- Nutrition
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Courses on Computer Applications
- Writing Courses
- Medical Terminology (Online)

These courses are recommended, but not required. However, students thinking of pursuing direct admission or GRCC's high school admission MUST take Algebra, Biology, and Chemistry 1 (2&3 highly recommended).

Careerline Tech Center: What Classes Count Elsewhere?

When you attend the Careerline Tech Center, you not only get hands-on training in medical programs, but you can also earn college credit through Early College or Articulated credit. Early College credit appears on your college transcript and can be transferred to many colleges and universities throughout Michigan.

Articulated credit is granted by a specific college or university and cannot be transferred to another college. Below are the Careerline Tech Center programs geared toward health care and the college credit that can be earned upon their completion.

<p style="text-align: center;">Certified Nursing Aide (CNA)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Early College</u></p> <p>Lake Michigan College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to Health 2 credits • Medical Terminology 1 credit • CPR/AED 1 credit • First Aid/Safety 2 credits <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Articulation</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Baker College, Davenport University</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Emergency Medical Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Early College</u></p> <p>Lake Michigan College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic EMT Training 8 credits • Intro to Health 2 credit • CPR/AED 1 credit • First Aid/Safety 2 credits <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Articulation</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Baker College, Davenport University, Ferris State University</p>
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*Early College and Articulation Credit may change yearly. Check with the college admission department for more information

Did you know? Some common facts about nursing programs

NCLEX

- This is the National Council Licensure Examination taken to gain licensure as a nurse. In 2013, the national pass rate for the NCLEX-RN was 83%. The state of Michigan had a pass rate of 87%.

Competitive Enrollment

- Due to the competitive nature of nursing programs, meeting the minimum criteria for enrollment will probably not be enough to get you accepted. For example: MSU has a minimum GPA requirement of 2.75. However, the average GPA of accepted students is 3.5-3.8.

Course Retakes

- Unlike normal college courses that allow for multiple retakes, nursing programs often put strict restrictions on course retakes. Some will allow you to retake any required course 2-3 times, though some only allow you to retake a course once. One school (Oakland) even restricts you to retaking only 1 of your nursing course. You will need to work hard to get a grade you are happy with, because your opportunity to make it better with a retake may be limited. Many schools with competitive admission take retakes into consideration when admitting students.

Other Admission Requirements

- Every college nursing program requires a background check before you can be admitted. You will also need to submit to a drug test and TB test, be fingerprinted, and have proof of CPR certification. These requirements are needed at different times, though all will be required before you begin your clinical rotations. You are responsible for all fees associated with these requirements.

Other Nursing Expenses

- Nursing programs often have other fees that you will need to cover. Most programs require you to purchase your own uniform and equipment, such as a stethoscope. Some colleges even charge a higher tuition for nursing courses. You can use financial aid to help cover these costs.

Transfer Credits

- While many prerequisite classes required for admission into nursing programs are transferrable, many colleges and universities favor applicants that take prerequisite courses at their school above applicants that transfer credits from community colleges.

Education Pathways: Ways to become a RN

Early College through MCC → Associate Degree in Nursing → RN-BSN Completion

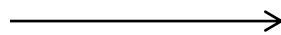
Advantages

- You can complete all the nursing program prerequisite courses for free (includes course fees and textbooks).
- By completing these prerequisite courses, you can get accelerated admission status and get moved up the wait list for the program. This can shorten your wait by a year.

Disadvantages

- You will not be able to fully complete the ADN through Early College. You will still have to finish the program after graduating from high school (time frame will vary based on when you started classes) – At that point, you need to pay for classes.
- You will have a 13th year of high school.

Certified Nursing Assistant
(Careerline Tech Center)



Nursing Program (ADN or BSN)

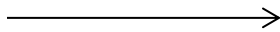
Advantages

- If you are not sure if you want to be an RN, you can gain employment in the health care field and get some beneficial experience.
- Some RN programs take experience into account when admitting applicants.
- You can network and get to know other nurses in the health care field.
- You can complete the CNA training program at Careerline Tech Center while still in high school.

Disadvantages

- You need to pass a test in order to become a CNA. Passing the Careerline Tech Center class does not guarantee you will become a CNA.
- You need to be willing to work while completing a nursing program or spend some time working before beginning the nursing program. If this does not apply to you, you may not be able to partake of the benefits of having a CNA.

Licensed Practical Nurse
Certification Program



Nursing Program (ADN or BSN)

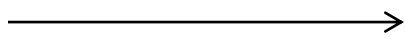
Advantages

- If you are not sure if you want to be an RN, you can gain employment in the health care field and get some beneficial experience.
- Some RN programs take experience into account when admitting applicants.
- You can network and get to know other nurses in the health care field.

Disadvantages

- It will take 1-2 years to complete a LPN certification program.
- You need to be willing to work while completing a nursing program or spend some time working before beginning the nursing program. If this does not apply to you, you may not be able to partake of the benefits of having a LPN.
- If you know you want to become an RN, spending time and money on an LPN Certification may not be beneficial. You need to decide how much previous experience you want in the health care field before starting a RN program.

Prerequisite Courses at a
Community College




Transfer to a 4-year BSN
program

Advantages

- You can complete prerequisite courses at a community college for lower tuition than at a 4 year college

Disadvantages

- Courses at 4-year colleges/universities may include content that is more in-depth and focused on additional skills, such as leadership and critical thinking. These elements may be lacking in community college courses.
- You need to check beforehand to know which courses will transfer and which will not. It is very important to contact the college you want to transfer to in order to be sure you take the right courses at the community college.
- Many BSN nursing programs give preference to applicants who complete courses at their school as opposed to courses transferred from another school.

Associate Degree in Nursing  RN-BSN Completion Program

Advantages

- You can become an RN with an associate degree and earn a BSN in an extra 1-2 years through a completion program.
- Tuition for an ADN through a community college is much cheaper than through a 4 year university or college.
- Completion programs often admit students that earned their ADN from other schools in order to diversify their student population.
- Admission to an associate degree nursing program is guaranteed as long as you meet the admission requirements.

Disadvantages

- Due to wait lists, it can take 4-6 years to earn your ADN.
- If you want to work before completing your BSN, it is becoming more difficult to find employment in some areas (hospitals) with only an ADN.

Bachelor of Nursing from a 4 year university or college

Advantages

- The majority of employers are seeking RNs who possess a bachelor degree in nursing, making it easier to find a job after graduation.
- BSN programs offer more training in critical skills, communication, and leadership.
- Programs can often be completed in 4 years (some programs go an additional semester or year).

Disadvantages

- Tuition is much higher at these universities/colleges.
- There are more general education requirements to earn in order to get your degree.
- Admission into these nursing programs is competitive and not guaranteed.

Glossary of Important Terms

ATI Critical Thinking Test: Entrance exam used by some nursing programs / Measures six cognitive skills commonly associated with critical thinking / Used to determine a student's overall performance on specific critical thinking skills deemed necessary for success in an academic nursing program.

COMPASS Test: A placement test used by some colleges / Measures the level of a student's reading, writing skills and math skills / Possible to waive the taking of the test if you have a high enough ACT score in specific areas.

Curriculum Vitae: Similar to a resumé, / Detailed overview of your education and accomplishments.

Direct Admission: Incoming freshman may be admitted into a nursing program without fulfilling the normal admission requirements / Must declare a nursing major and meet specific criteria set in place by each school.

HESI: Computerized standardized Entrance exam used by some nursing programs / Test components include anatomy/physiology, grammar, math, and reading comprehension / Most schools have testing on-site.

Nelson-Denny: Standardized reading exam used to measure the reading abilities of college students / Has 2 parts: vocabulary and reading comprehension.

TEAS: Test of Essential Academic Skills / Standardized test for students entering into nursing school / test components include reading, math, science, & language arts.

Wait List: List of nursing applicants who are not admitted, but may gain entry if spots become available.

Michigan Nursing Programs and School Profiles

Grand Rapids Community College

143 Bostwick Avenue NE
Grand Rapids MI 49503-3295
(616) 234-4000
www.grcc.edu

Associate Degree Nursing Program

Admission Requirements

- High School Diploma or GED
- High School GPA of 2.5
- Completion of one-year high school programs in algebra, biology, and chemistry with a C- or higher
- Minimum score of 75% on the HESI test (\$50.00 fee, can be taken at GRCC)
- Have a negative drug screen and background check

*You may apply for the program and be added to the wait list at the end of your junior year of high school. All requirements must be completed. You will need to provide proof of a diploma after you graduate from high school in order to remain on the wait list.

Program Acceptance

You are placed on the program wait list when you reach your "ready date" – meet all the admission requirements. The current wait list is 3-4 years in length. You may complete some courses on the wait list.



Program Details

- Admits 36-40 students each semester, including summer semester
- 3 year program after admission
- 90% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Licensed Practical Nursing Certification Program
- Radiological Technology - Associate

General School Information

- Application is free and available online
- 16,600 undergraduates
- Financial Aid available for those with need
 - Work Study
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics
- Freshman orientation is offered, but not required
- Commuter school / On-campus housing not available

Lake Michigan College

125 Veterans Blvd.
 South Haven, MI 49090
 (269) 927-1000
www.lakemichigancollege.edu

Associate Degree in Applied Science

Admission Requirements

- GPA of 2.5 or above
- 2.0 (C-) or above in nursing and science classes
- Completion of the Nelson-Denny Reading Assessment with an 11.8 or above (Given at the LMC Assessment Center)
- Completion of the Math and Algebra Proficiency Assessments with 75% or above (Given in the LMC Math Lab)
- Completion of prerequisite class for BIOL 108
- Completion of READ 110 Medical Terminology course

Program Acceptance

All students who complete the admission requirements are placed on a candidacy list. Students are accepted based on overall GPAs. Students who are not accepted will need to submit a new application the following year.



Program Details

- Admits 96 students once a year
- Accepts 80-100% of candidates
- 2 year program after admission
- 95% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound) – Associate
- Licensed Practical Nursing Certification Program
- Medical Assistant Certification
- Paramedic (EMT) Certification
- Radiologic Technology – Associate

General School Information

- Application is free and available online
- 3,900 undergraduates
 - 29% diverse student population
- Financial aid available for those with need
 - 2011-12: 60% of student need was met with financial aid
 - Average scholarships/grants: \$5,100
 - Average loans: \$2,900
 - Work Study
- Freshman orientation available, but not required
- On-campus housing available

Muskegon Community College

221 S. Quarterline Road
Muskegon, MI 49442
(231) 773-9131
www.muskegoncc.edu

Associate Degree in Applied Science - Nursing

Admission Requirements

- GPA of 2.0 or above
- Display writing competency with a 22 ACT, an 80 on the COMPASS writing test, or completion of English Composition courses at MCC
- Display reading competency with a 22 ACT or an 81 on the COMPASS reading test
- Complete basic math and pre-algebra at MCC with a C or above
- Display computer literacy skills by completing CIS 100 or 110 with a C or above or by passing the computer literacy test offered by MCC
- Complete CSS (College Success Seminar) with a C or above

*There are 9 general education classes to take before you can graduate. You may take these courses while on the wait list for admission to the nursing program. If these courses are taken before application to the nursing program, you are eligible for accelerated admission to the program (get moved to the top of the wait list).

Program Acceptance

You are placed on the program wait list when you reach your "ready date" – meet all the admission requirements. The current wait list is approximately 3 years in length. You may complete general education courses while on the wait list.



Program Details

- Admit 50 students per semester
- 3 year program (including Gen. Ed. courses)
- 90% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program
- Licensed Practical Nurse Certification Program
- Respiratory Therapy – Associate
- Phlebotomy Technician Certification Program

General School Information

- Application is free and available online
- 3,100 undergraduates
 - 19% diverse student population
- Financial Aid available for those with need
 - Work study
- Freshman orientation available, but not required
- Commuter campus / On-campus housing not available

Baker College of Muskegon

1903 Marquette Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49442
(231) 777-5200
www.baker.edu/campus/muskegon

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Completion of 14 pre-requisite courses (general ed. / math / science) with a 2.7 GPA or higher
- Completion of the Kaplan Admission Assessment – score is converted to admission points / no minimum score required
 - May take twice in a 12 month period
- Any retakes or withdraws from pre-requisite science and nursing courses will result in lower admission points

*Since Baker College is introducing this program for the 2014-15 school year, admission requirements may change in the next few years.

Wait List

None



Program Details

- Admits 48 students each year
- Accepts 75% of applicants
- 4 year program
- 96% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Diagnostic Medical Sonography – Associate
- Licensed Practical Nurse Certification Program
- Medical Assistant – Associate
- Paramedic (EMT) Certification Program
- Phlebotomy Technology Certification Program
- RN-BSN Completion Program

General School Information

- Application available online or paper form
 - \$20 fee, may be waived for those with financial need
- 4,900 undergraduates
- Financial Aid available for those with need
 - Scholarships/grants, loans, and work study
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics and minority status
- Freshman orientation is mandatory
- On-Campus housing available - \$50 deposit

Calvin College

3201 Burton SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 526-6000
www.calvin.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Completion of pre-nursing program, consisting of 9 courses, with a 2.8 GPA or higher
 - 6 of these courses must be completed by the application due date
- Completion of 12-14 general education/liberal arts courses with a 2.0 GPA or higher

Wait List

Students not accepted are placed on a wait list until the start of the next school year in September. At that point, students must reapply for entry the following year.



Program Details

- Admits 64 students each year
- Accepts 80% of applicants
- 4 year program
- 95% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Pre-Physician's Assistant – B.S.

General School Information

- Private, Christian Reformed Affiliation
- Application available online or through Common App
 - \$35 fee
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.7 / ACT: 24-30
 - 75% of applicants admitted
- 3,800 undergraduates
 - 19% diverse student population
- 2012-13 Financial Aid: 74% of need was met
 - Average scholarship/grant: \$14,500 / loans: \$4,900
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics, alumni affiliations, art, leadership, minority status, music/drama, religious affiliation, and state residency
- Freshman orientation is mandatory - \$225 fee
- On-Campus housing guaranteed for freshman

Davenport University

6191 Kraft Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
(616) 698-7111
www.davenport.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Two professional recommendations
- Personal statement essay
- Completion of the TEAS V exam (\$50 fee)

Wait List

None



Program Details

- Admits 40 students each year
- Accepts 20% of applicants
- 4 year program
- 96% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Licensed Practical Nurse – Associate
- Medical Assisting with Phlebotomy option – Associate

General School Information

- Private
- Application available online
 - \$25 fee
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.0 / ACT: 18 minimum
 - 95% of applicants admitted
- 7,800 undergraduates
 - 23% diverse student population
- 2012-13 Financial Aid:
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics, alumni affiliations, athletics, and leadership
- Freshman orientation is mandatory
- On-Campus housing available - \$100 fully refundable deposit

Eastern Michigan University

900 Oakwood St
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 487-1849
www.emich.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Completion of 9 pre-requisite courses with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Completion of the ATI-TEAS exam (\$40 fee)
- Completion of NURS 110 (Introduction to Professional Nursing) is recommended, but not required
- 6 months of health care experience recommended, but not required

Wait List

None



Program Details

- Admits 80 students each year
- Accepts 30-40% of applicants
- 4-5 year program
- 92% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- RN-BSN Completion Program
- Medical Laboratory Sciences - Bachelor

General School Information

- Application available online or in paper form
 - \$30 fee (\$35 for paper form)
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.1 / ACT: 18-24
 - 65% of applicants admitted
- 18,400 undergraduates
 - 34% diverse student population
- 2011-12 Financial Aid: 70% of need was met
 - Average scholarships/grants: \$4,300, loans: \$3,200
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics, art, athletics, leadership, minority status, and music/drama
- Freshman orientation is mandatory - \$300 fee
- On-Campus housing available - \$200 partly refundable deposit

Ferris State University

1201 S State St
Big Rapids, MI 49307
(231) 591-2000
www.ferris.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Minimum 2.7 GPA
- Completion of 9 pre-requisite courses with a 2.7 GPA or higher
- Completed of the qualification checklist
- Unofficial FSU transcript

*Enrollment is based on the semester of qualification (earlier semesters are accepted first)

Wait List

None – Must reapply yearly if you qualify for acceptance but are not accepted



Program Details

- Admits 32 students each semester
- 4-5 year program
- 87% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Diagnostic Medical Sonography – Associate
- Medical Laboratory Science - Bachelor

General School Information

- Application available online or in paper form
 - Free for online, \$30 for paper form
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.2 / ACT: 19-24
 - 71% of applicants admitted
- 12,600 undergraduates
 - 14% diverse student population
- 2012-13 Financial Aid: 67% of need was met
 - Average scholarships/grants: \$4,500, loans: \$3,700
- Freshman orientation is mandatory - \$80 fee
- Guaranteed housing- \$200 fully refundable deposit

Grand Valley State University

1 Campus Dr.
Allendale, MI, 49401
(616) 331-5000
www.gvsu.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Completion of 12 pre-requisite and required courses with a C or better
- May be asked to interview before admission

Direct Admission

Incoming freshman may be directly admitted to the program if they meet the following criteria:

- High school GPA of 3.6 or higher
- ACT score of 30 or higher
- Declare a nursing major at freshman orientation

Wait List

None



Program Details

- Admits 80 students each semester
- 4 year program
- 91% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Diagnostic Medical Sonography – Bachelor
- Medical Laboratory Science - Bachelor
- Radiologic and Imaging Sciences – Bachelor
- RN-BSN Completion Program

General School Information

- Application available online or in paper form
 - \$30 fee, may be waived for those with financial need
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.5
 - 82% of applicants admitted
- 21,200 undergraduates
 - 13% diverse student population
- 2012-13 Financial Aid: 72% of need was met
 - Average scholarships/grants: \$7,000, loans: \$3,800
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics, alumni affiliations, art, athletics, music/drama, and state residency
- Freshman orientation is mandatory - \$75 fee
- Guaranteed housing for freshman- \$150 fully refundable deposit

Hope College

141 East 12th St
Holland, MI, 49423
(616) 395-7000
www.hope.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Minimum 3.2 GPA
- Completion of 5 prerequisite courses
- Completion of 1 required natural science course
 - Must be enrolled in or completed an additional natural science course and a social science course
- Completion of the TEAS test (\$50 fee)
- Goal statement essay
- 2 professional recommendations

Direct Admission

Incoming freshman may be directly admitted to the program if they meet the following criteria:

- ACT score of 28 or higher
- Copy of a high school transcript
- Goal statement essay
- 2 professional references (one must be from a high school science teacher)

Wait List

None



Program Details

- Admits 45 students each year
- 4 year program
- 98% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

None

General School Information

- Private, Reformed Church of America affiliation
- Application available on common app
 - \$50 fee, may be waived for those with financial need
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.8 / ACT: 23-29
 - 85% of applicants admitted
- 3,250 undergraduates
 - 12% diverse student population
- 2012-13 Financial Aid: 79% of need was met
 - Average scholarships/grants: \$18,200, loans: \$3,900
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics, art, minority status, music/drama, and religious affiliation
- Freshman orientation is mandatory
- Guaranteed housing for all undergrads- \$300 non-refundable deposit

Lake Superior State University

650 W Easterday Ave
Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783
(906) 632-6841
www.lssu.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Minimum 2.7 GPA
- Completion of 9 prerequisite courses with a C or better
- Completion of 1 required natural science course
 - Must be enrolled in or completed an additional natural science course and a social science course
- Completion of the TEAS test (\$45 fee) and the ATI Critical Thinking test (\$43 fee) with a proficient level or higher

Wait List

None



Program Details

- Admits 24 students each semester
- Accepts 50% of applicants
- 4 year program
- 86% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Licensed Practical Nurse – Associate
- Medical Laboratory Science - Bachelor
- Paramedic Technology (EMT) – Associate

General School Information

- Application available online
 - \$35 fee, may be waived for those with financial need
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.3 / ACT: 22-25
 - 90% of applicants admitted
- 2,400 undergraduates
 - 12% diverse student population
- 2011-12 Financial Aid: 67% of need was met
 - Average scholarships/grants: \$6,700, loans: \$3,100
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics, athletics, and state residency
- Freshman orientation is mandatory - \$125 fee
- Guaranteed housing for freshman- \$300 partly refundable deposit

Michigan State University

220 Trowbridge Rd
East Lansing, MI, 48824
(517) 355-1855
www.msu.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Minimum 2.75 GPA
- Completion of 56 credit hours, including prerequisite courses
 - 13 prerequisite courses with a C or better
- 2 professional references
- Personal Goal essay
- Résumé or curriculum vita
- Evidence of any relevant community service and/or work experience

Wait List

None



Program Details

- Admits 80 students in the fall & 40 students in the spring
- Accepts 40% of applicants
- 4 year program
- 85% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Clinical Laboratory Sciences - Bachelor
- RN-BSN Completion Program

General School Information

- Application available online
 - \$50 fee, may be waived for those with financial need
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.6 / ACT: 23-28
 - 71% of applicants admitted
- 37,000 undergraduates
 - 17% diverse student population
- 2012-13 Financial Aid: 63% of need was met
 - Average scholarships/grants: \$9,600, loans: \$3,300
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics, alumni affiliations, art, athletics, leadership, music/drama, ROTC, and state residency
- Freshman orientation is mandatory
- Guaranteed housing for freshman- \$250 fully refundable deposit

Northern Michigan University

1401 Presque Isle Ave
Marquette, MI, 49855
(906) 227-1000
www.nmu.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Minimum 2.75 GPA
- Completion of 7 prerequisite courses with a C- or better
- NMU Transcript
- Completed admission packet for traditional BSN track

Wait List

Once all spots are filled, the next 10 qualifying students are placed on a wait list until the first week of the next semester



Program Details

- Admits 42 students each semester
- Accepts 40% of applicants
- 4 year program
- 90% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Clinical Laboratory Science - Bachelor
- Licensed Practical Nurse Certification Program
- LPN to BSN Program
- RN-BSN Completion Program

General School Information

- Application available online or in paper form
 - \$30 fee, may be waived for those with financial need
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.1 / ACT: 19-24
 - 68% of applicants admitted
- 7,900 undergraduates
 - 8% diverse student population
- 2011-12 Financial Aid: 57% of need was met
 - Average scholarships/grants: \$5,100, loans: \$3,200
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics, art, athletics, leadership, music/drama, ROTC, and state residency
- Freshman orientation is mandatory - \$75 fee
- Guaranteed housing for all undergrads- \$125 partly refundable deposit

Oakland University

2200 N Squirrel Rd
Rochester, MI, 48309
(248) 370-2100
www.oakland.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Completion of 5 prerequisite courses with a 2.8 or higher and an overall GPA in these courses of 3.2 or higher
- Completion of 3 additional prerequisites with a 2.8 or higher
 - May waive the math course with an 18 or higher on the math section of the ACT

Direct Admission

Incoming freshman may be directly admitted to the program if they meet the following criteria:

- Completion of 4 years of math, 1 year of AP biology, and 1 year of chemistry in high school with a 2.8 or above
- Overall high school GPA of 3.2 or higher
- ACT score of 20 or above

Wait List

None



Program Details

- Admits 90 students each semester
- Accepts 70% of applicants
- 4 year program
- 91% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Licensed Practical Nurse Certification Program
- Medical Laboratory Science - Bachelor
- Nursing Assistant Certification Program
- RN-BSN Completion Program

General School Information

- Application available online for free
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.4 / ACT: 20-26
 - 62% of applicants admitted
- 15,700 undergraduates
 - 17% diverse student population
- 2012-13 Financial Aid available for those with need
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics, art, athletics, leadership, music/drama, and state residency
- Freshman orientation is mandatory
- Guaranteed housing for freshman- \$100 deposit

Saginaw Valley State University

7400 Bay Rd.
University Center, MI, 48710
(989) 964-4000
www.svsu.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Overall GPA of 2.5 or above
- Completion of 12 pre-nursing courses with a GPA of 2.5 or above

Direct Admission

Incoming freshman may be directly admitted into the program if they meet the following criteria:

- High School GPA of 3.5 or above
- ACT score of 26 or above
- Interview with admission committee
- Completion of a timed essay

Wait List

None



Program Details

- Admits 96 students each semester
- Accepts 65-75% of applicants
- 4 – 5 year program
- 94% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Medical Laboratory Science - Bachelor
- RN-BSN Completion Program

General School Information

- Application available online
 - \$30 fee, may be waived for those with financial need
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.2 / ACT: 18-24
 - 85% of applicants admitted
- 9,000 undergraduates
 - 16% diverse student population
- 2012-13 Financial Aid available for those with need
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics, art, athletics, leadership, minority status, and music/drama
- Freshman orientation is mandatory - \$55 fee
- On-campus housing available- \$200 partly refundable deposit

Wayne State University

42 W Warren Ave
 Detroit, MI, 48202
 (313) 577-2424
 www.wayne.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Minimum of 30 semester credits
- Completion of 10 prerequisite courses with a C or better and a minimum 2.5 GPA in these courses
- \$50 application fee

Wait List

None



Program Details

- Admits 48-64 students each year
- Accepts 30-40% of applicants
- 5 year program
- 98% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- Medical Laboratory Science - Bachelor
- Radiologic Technology – Bachelor

General School Information

- Application available online for free
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.3 / ACT: 19-25
 - 81% of applicants admitted
- 18,500 undergraduates
 - 36% diverse student population
- 2012-13 Financial Aid available for those with need
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics, art, athletics, leadership, and music/drama
- Freshman orientation is mandatory - \$100
- On campus housing available - \$200 nonrefundable deposit

Western Michigan University

1903 Western Michigan Ave
Kalamazoo, MI, 49008
(269) 387-1000
www.wmich.edu

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Requirements

- Completion of 8 pre-nursing courses with a C or better and an overall GPA of 3.0 in these courses
 - Science prerequisite courses need to be completed with a B or better

Direct Admission

Incoming freshman may be admitted directly into the program if they meet the following criteria:

- High school GPA of 3.6 or higher
- ACT score of 26 or above
- 2 years of high school biology and 1 year of high school chemistry

Wait List

None



Program Details

- Admits 45 students each semester
- Accepts 40% of applicants
- 4 year program
- 98% NCLEX passing rate (2013)

Other Medical Programs

- RN-BSN Completion Program

General School Information

- Application available online and in paper form
 - \$35 fee, may be waived for those with financial need
- Applicant's Average GPA: 3.3 / ACT: 19-25
 - 83% of applicants admitted
- 19,000 undergraduates
 - 19% diverse student population
- 2011-12 Financial Aid: 80% of need was met
 - Average scholarships/grants: \$5,000, loans: \$2,700
 - Non-need scholarships offered for academics, alumni affiliations, art, athletics, minority status, music/drama, ROTC, and state residency
- Freshman orientation is mandatory - \$210 fee
- Guaranteed housing for freshman