

Nursing

Registered nurses (RNs), regardless of specialty or work setting, perform basic duties that include treating patients, educating patients and the public about various medical conditions, and providing advice and emotional support to patients' family members. RNs perform basic health assessments, record patients' medical histories and symptoms, help to perform diagnostic tests and analyze results, use medical technology, administer treatment and medications, and help with patient follow-up and rehabilitation.



Nursing as a Major at Notre Dame College

Multiple entry levels for the program are designed to meet the needs of the lifelong learner. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program has two tracks. The Pre-Licensure track is designed to prepare the student to become a professional nurse. Upon completion of the program the graduate is eligible to take the National Council Licensing Exam (NCLEX-RN) to become a registered nurse.

The second track is the RN to BSN Post-Licensure track. This track is designed for the registered nurse (RN) who has a diploma in nursing or an Associate of Science degree with a major in nursing and who wants to complete their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Examples of prerequisite courses for the BSN program:

EN 110	Advanced Expository Writing
CH 106/107	Principles of Inorganic Chemistry/Lab
CH 116/117	Principles of Organic & Biological Chemistry/Lab
BI 206/207	Human Anatomy & Physiology I/Lab
PY 201	General Psychology

Examples of core courses in Nursing Major:

NR 200	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan
NR 215	Foundations of Nursing I
NR 225	Pharmacology
NR 330	Mental Health Nursing Practice
NR 461	Professional Practicum

Graduate Programs

Listed below are just a few of the universities in Ohio with a Masters program of Science in Nursing:

- Capital University School of Nursing
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cleveland State University
- Otterbein College
- Youngstown State University
- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- Ohio University
- The Ohio State University
- Ursuline College

Work Performed

Most RNs work as staff nurses, providing critical health care services along with physicians, surgeons, and other health care practitioners. Many nurses work directly with patients providing various forms of health care and assistance.

RNs may spend considerable time walking and standing. Patients in hospitals and nursing care facilities require 24-hour care; consequently, nurses in these institutions may work nights, weekends, and holidays. RNs also may be on call—available to work on short notice. Nurses who work in office settings are more likely to work regular business hours.

Personal Qualifications

- Detail-oriented
- Empathetic
- Ability to think critically
- Concentration
- Ability to direct and supervise
- Emotional stability
- Ambition
- Should be able to correctly assess patient conditions
- Responsible

Professional Organizations

A variety of national nursing organizations serve to support the profession. These include:

- American Nurses Association
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing
- National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
- American College of Nurse-Midwives
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

"Nursing encompasses an art, a humanistic orientation, a feeling for the value of the individual, and an intuitive sense of ethics, and the appropriateness of action taken" —Myrtle Kitchell Ayddotte, Professor of Nursing, University of Illinois College of Nursing & Yale University

Related Career Titles for Nursing Majors

Registered Nurse	Ophthalmic Nurse	Diabetes Management Nurse
Ambulatory Care Nurse	Orthopedic Nurse	Addiction Nurse
Critical Care Nurse	Otorhinolaryngology Nurse	Oncology Nurse
Emergency/Trauma Nurse	Respiratory Nurse	Wound/Ostomy Continence Nurse
Holistic Nurse	Urology Nurse	Cardiac & Vascular Nurse
Home Health Nurse	Pediatric Nurse	Dermatology Nurse
Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse	Neonatology Nurse	Gastroenterology Nurse
Long-term Care Nurse	Clinical Nurse Specialists	Gynecology Nurse
Medical-Surgical Nurse	Nurse Anesthetists	Nephrology Nurse
Occupational Health	Nurse Midwives	Neuroscience Nurse
Radiology	Nurse Practitioner	
Rehabilitation Nurse	Case Managers	
Psychiatric Nurse	Forensic Nurse	
Perianesthesia Nurse	Infection Control Nurse	
Perioperative Nurse	Legal Nurse Consultant	
Transplant Nurse	Nurse Administrator	
Developmental Disabilities Nurse	Nurse Educators	
Genetics Nurse	Nurse Informatics	

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