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 Licensure 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

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

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.

RNAs 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

"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

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