

NURSING

What can I do with this degree?

AREAS

EMPLOYERS

STRATEGIES

STAFF NURSING

Medical/Surgical Specialties
Pediatrics
Operating Room
Emergency Room
Critical Care Units
Labor and Delivery
Newborn Units
Research, Transplant, and Detoxification Units

Hospitals, medical centers, physicians' offices, medical groups, educational institutions, home care services
Extended care facilities such as nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and hospices
Psychiatric units
Public health services: local, state, and federal
Government institutions, armed services
Church-related mission services
International healthcare agencies
Business and industry

Gain experience through externship/internship programs.
Work or volunteer in healthcare/medical settings during vacations.
Take electives in areas such as wellness, holistic health, medical ethics, death and dying.
Develop good organizational skills and ability to handle stress.
Plan on graduate education for positions as clinical specialist or nurse administrator.

COMMUNITY AGENCIES

Home HealthCare
Public/Community Health
Rural Nursing
Occupational/Industrial Health

Public and private schools and camps
Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)
Day care centers, mental health centers
Business and industry: health services centers
State and local health departments
Home healthcare agencies
Hospital outpatient departments
Senior centers
Nurse-run clinics

Develop knowledge and skills in management, decision-making, mediation, teaching, counseling, and speaking and writing.
Gain experience in the ability to handle emergencies including first aid procedures, work independently, and be flexible.
Expand knowledge of health issues related to age, cultures, religions, ethics, and government policies.
Consider graduate preparation for nurse practitioner.

LONG-TERM CARE AGENCIES

Chronic Health Conditions

Nursing homes, retirement centers, residential daycare centers
Rehabilitation centers
Hospice organizations

Plan on graduate study as nurse practitioner or nurse specialist for advancement.
Develop patience, ability to work with both patients and families for long periods, good listening skills.
Take additional courses in holistic health, death/dying, and medical ethics.

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INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

Practitioner
Clinician
Anesthetist
Midwife
Private Duty

Physicians, clinics, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)
Hospitals, industries, long-term care facilities, colleges, public health agencies, prisons
Self-employment: independent/joint practice

Plan on acquiring experience, advanced education and certification.
Must like to work autonomously, make independent decisions, be self-directed, detail oriented.
Master bilingual skills to be more valuable.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Health agencies including Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, Veterans Administration, Civil Service, Peace Corps/VISTA
Armed services
International health agencies

Must identify interest in medical and hospital services, research, or public health.
Plan on graduate study in teaching, research, or administration for advancement.
Become familiar with other cultures, languages, health systems and beliefs.
Be prepared for combat nursing in armed services.

EDUCATION

Teaching
Counseling

Vocational programs, hospitals
Colleges, universities
International healthcare organizations
Wellness centers
Public schools

Develop patience, sensitivity to needs of young adults as well as patients, and ability to accept responsibility for actions of others.
Take courses in education, principles and practices of teaching.
Need advanced degrees to teach at college/university level.
Develop skills in sales, marketing, and public speaking.

Admissions/Recruitment

NURSING RESEARCH

Large hospitals, medical centers
Colleges, universities
Centers for Nursing Research
National Institute for Nursing

Gain experience with research through supervised independent study or course projects.
Develop curiosity, analytical thinking, attention to detail, persistence, and good speaking and writing skills.
Plan on obtaining doctoral preparation.

INTERNATIONAL FIELDS

International Health

Embassies, military bases, national or international government agencies, private voluntary organizations, universities
Business and industry
Church-related mission services
World Health Organization

Consider advanced education as clinician or nurse practitioner to be more valuable.
Inquire about need for additional preparation in religious studies or similar courses.

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OTHER AREAS:

Marketing/Sales
Product Manager
Entrepreneur
Quality Assurance
Editor/Writer
Communications Specialist

Hospitals
Business and industry: pharmaceutical companies,
medical equipment, computers, insurance
Medical/health publications
Universities
Healthcare advertising agencies
Professional associations

Plan on obtaining minor in business or
communications.