

Introduction

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Program Type: Please check

B.S.N.
A.D.N.
Diploma
Fast-Track B.S.N.
R.N. to B.S.N.
M.E.P.N.

Looking to the future, which degrees would you like to earn? Check all that apply?

M.A. or M.S. in nursing
B.S.N.
Doctorate of Nursing Practice D.N.P.
P..D. in nursing
Fast-Track B.S.N.
M.S. in nurse midwifery
Certification as an alternative healthcare practitioner
C.R.N.A.
B.A. or B.S. in nursing
A.D.
Ph.D.
M.D.
M.A. or M.S. in a non-nursing field
M.P.H.
B.A. or B.S. in another field
Ed.D.
D.O.

What is the combined enrollment and elapsed time that it will take you to complete nursing school prerequisites?

- 19-24 months
- 7-12 months
- 25-36 months (2-3 yrs)
- 13-18 months
- More than 36 months (3 yrs)
- 0-6 months

Choose the enrollment status that best describes your experiences completing nursing school prerequisites.

- Full –time
- Part-time
- Mostly full-time
- Less than part-time

Year first enrolled in current nursing program:

Amount of time it will take you to complete your current nursing program, not including prerequisites.

- 19-24 months
- 25-36 months (2-3 yrs)
- 13-18 months
- More than 36 months (3 yrs)
- 7-12 months
- 0-6 months

How many hours per week do you work for pay while in school?

- 0-10 hours
- 11-20 hours
- More than 20 hours

How many hours per week do you work inside the home caring for family members while in school?

- 0-10 hours
- 11-20 hours
- More than 20 hours

What is your birth year?

What is your sex?

Female

Male

Are you Hispanic or Latina/Latino?

No

Yes

What is your race? Check all that apply.

White

Black or African American

Asian

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

In your nursing courses, how many of your instructors also teach in the clinical setting?

Most or all

About half

Some

Less than half

None

To what extent does your program assist you in using classroom content in your clinical placement experience?

To a great extent

To some extent

Not much

Not at all

Please explain or describe reasons for your answer.

How often are you placed in clinical training where you feel you lack adequate clinical knowledge?

Seldom

Sometimes

Never

Often

How often are you placed in clinical training where you feel you haven't had adequate prior preparation in the clinical skills needed?

Seldom
Sometimes
Never
Often

What do you find most challenging about being a nursing student?

What are the greatest rewards of being a nursing student?

How often are the following teaching strategies used in your school?

Looking at clinical case studies in class

Sometimes
Often
Very Often
Not at all

Games

Not at all
Sometimes
Often
Very Often

Power point slides and printed outlines

Very Often
Often
Sometimes
Not at all

Teacher questions to students in the classroom, where anyone may answer

Very Often
Often
Sometimes
Not at all

Soliciting student experiences of practice in the classroom

Sometimes
Often
Very Often
Not at all

Interviews with patients in the classroom

Not at all
Sometimes
Often
Very Often

Simulation

Sometimes
Not at all
Often
Very Often

Computer assisted instruction

Sometimes
Often
Not at all
Very Often

The use of clinical films or videos

Sometimes
Often
Very Often
Not at all

Learning exercises for developing critical thinking skills

Sometimes
Often
Very Often
Not at all

Role playing using actors (or use of standardized patients)

Not at all
Sometimes
Often
Very Often

Role playing using students as actors

Sometimes
Not at all
Often
Very Often

Demonstrations of medical technologies and technologies that nurses use

Sometimes
Often
Very Often
Not at all

Planned student teacher conferences

Sometimes
Not at all
Often
Very Often

Clinical post-conferences

Very Often
Often
Sometimes
Not at all

Written preparation required as preparation for clinical assignments

Very Often
Often
Sometimes
Not at all

Use of reflective journals or personal learning diaries

Very Often
Not at all
Sometimes
Often

Multiple choice test questions structured similarly to those on the NCLEX exam

Very Often
Often
Sometimes
Not at all

Finding evidence of best practices for assigned clinical diagnoses and treatments

Often
Very Often
Sometimes
Not at all

Questioning and evaluating the research literature

Sometimes
Often
Not at all
Very Often

Use of personal digital assistants (PDA)

Not at all
Sometimes
Very Often
Often

How often in the clinical setting do you receive feedback from a staff nurse?

Not very often
Often
Very Often
Not at all
Not applicable

How effective or ineffective is staff nurse instruction to your clinical learning?

- Highly effective
- Effective
- Somewhat effective
- Not applicable
- Not effective at all

To what extent are the following content areas emphasized in your curriculum?

NANDA Taxonomies, Intervention and Patient Outcome

- Considerable emphasis
- Some emphasis
- No emphasis

Use of Personal Digital Assistants

- No emphasis
- Some emphasis
- Considerable emphasis

Knowledge about medical diagnoses and treatments

- Considerable emphasis
- Some emphasis
- No emphasis

To what extent did your nursing program prepare you to do the following?

Search medical and nursing literature

- Prepared me well
- Prepared me very well
- Did not prepare me

Evaluate and use research findings to identify best practice in the clinical setting

- Prepared me well
- Prepared me very well
- Did not prepare me

To what extent did your program prepare you for practice in the following areas?

Physiology

Prepared me well
Prepared me very well
Did not prepare me

Pathophysiology

Prepared me well
Prepared me very well
Did not prepare me

Genomics

Did not prepare me
Prepared me well
Prepared me very well

Psychology

Prepared me well
Prepared me very well
Did not prepare me

Pharmacology

Prepared me well
Prepared me very well
Did not prepare me

Ethics

Prepared me well
Prepared me very well
Did not prepare me

Microbiology

Prepared me well
Prepared me very well
Did not prepare me

Immunology

Prepared me well
Did not prepare me
Prepared me very well

Biochemistry

Did not prepare me
Prepared me well
Prepared me very well

Sociology

Prepared me well
Did not prepare me
Prepared me very well

Anatomy

Prepared me very well
Prepared me well
Did not prepare me

Normal growth and development

Prepared me well
Prepared me very well
Did not prepare me

Nutrition

Prepared me well
Prepared me very well
Did not prepare me

Operating room nursing

Did not prepare me
Prepared me well
Prepared me very well

Medical and nursing informatics

Prepared me well
Did not prepare me
Prepared me very well

Leadership

Prepared me well
Prepared me very well
Did not prepare me

Health care systems (system structure, health policy)

Prepared me well
Did not prepare me
Prepared me very well

Psychosocial aspects of illness

Prepared me well
Prepared me very well
Did not prepare me

Symptom management

Prepared me well
Prepared me very well
Did not prepare me

How prepared or challenged do you estimate you will feel in the following areas of your first clinical position?

Delegating work to others

Competent
Challenged
Extremely competent
Extremely challenged

Getting just in time assistance from other nurses

Competent
Challenged
Extremely competent
Extremely challenged

Organizing care for 4-5 individuals

Competent
Challenged
Extremely competent
Extremely challenged

Recognizing when to call for a physician intervention

Competent
Challenged
Extremely competent
Extremely challenged

Making a case to physicians to get timely patient care interventions

Competent
Challenged
Extremely competent
Extremely challenged

Working with technical equipment and therapies, e.g. IVACs, cardiac monitors, etc.

Competent
Challenged
Extremely competent
Extremely challenged

Completing assignments on time

Competent
Challenged
Extremely competent
Extremely challenged

Managing acutely ill patients with unstable, rapidly changing clinical conditions

Competent
Challenged
Extremely competent
Extremely challenged

Coordinating care for individual patients to minimize hospital stays

Competent

Challenged

Extremely competent

Extremely challenged

I have little or no information about school to work transitions

Competent

Challenged

Extremely competent

Extremely challenged

Of the nine practice areas listed above which one would you rank most difficult?