

# Nursing

Nurses are trained to provide medical care and support to patients in a variety of ways. They can work in both inpatient or outpatient settings, and may specialize in areas such as medical-surgical, pediatrics, or critical care. They may even pursue an advanced degree to become a Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) or Nurse Practitioner (NP).

What can I do in High School?	Path to Nursing School
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Take the <a href="#">ACT</a> and <a href="#">SAT</a>. Verify individual school requirements to see if standardized tests are required.</li><li>2. Complete the <a href="#">FAFSA</a> to determine eligibility for federal financial aid.</li><li>3. Complete College Applications: <a href="#">The Common Application</a></li><li>4. Ask for <a href="#">letters of recommendation</a>.</li><li>5. Check out the <a href="#">CFNC</a>, a free resource that helps students plan, apply, and pay for college in NC.</li><li>6. Be aware of transcripts and transfer credit such as: Early College, AP, IB, CLEP, or Transfer Credit.</li><li>7. Participate in extracurricular activities such as: sports, jobs, clubs, organizations, and volunteering.</li><li>8. Pay attention to deadlines and start planning early!</li></ol>	<p>There are multiple paths to Nursing School, the most common being the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN): Typically 4 years of full-time study.</li><li>2. Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN): Typically 2 years to complete.</li><li>3. Accelerated BSN (ABSN): Typically 11-18 months to complete. This is for people who have already completed a Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing (have a Bachelor's degree, but not a BSN).</li></ol> <p>Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for more information on the education required to become a Registered Nurse.</p> <p>Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for more information about common prerequisites for Nursing School.</p> <p>Search and apply for nursing programs <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>After completing your education, you must pass the <a href="#">NCLEX</a> exam in order to be officially licensed as a registered nurse and legally practice in the United States.</p> <p>After becoming a registered nurse, those looking to advance their careers can pursue additional education and training to become an <b>Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)</b>. APRNs complete a graduate-level program, such as a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) or a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), and receive specialized training in one of the four recognized roles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Nurse Practitioner (NP)</li><li>2. Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)</li><li>3. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)</li><li>4. Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)</li></ol> <p>For more information on specific roles, click <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p><b>More Information?</b> <a href="#">NP vs APRN</a> <a href="#">RN to NP Pathway</a> <a href="#">Financial Assistance</a></p>