

Nursing is the single largest health profession with over 2 million jobs. Texas, the nation, and the world are facing an unprecedented nursing shortage due to many factors including an aging workforce, declining enrollment in nursing schools, and job stress. Officials estimate that Texas needs to graduate and place an extra 5000 nurses each year to meet the state's needs. As a result, new graduates and returning nurses have more practice opportunities within the hospital and the option to enter specialty or advanced practice fields with just a little experience.

Registered nurses (RNs) work to promote health, prevent disease, and help patients cope with illness. When providing direct patient care, they observe, assess, and record symptoms, reactions, and progress; assist physicians during surgeries, treatments, and examinations; administer medications; and assist in convalescence and rehabilitation.¹ Registered nurses develop care plans, chart progress, diagnose limited conditions, and serve as a liaison and advocate for the patient and family.

Texas registered nurses operate under the Nursing Practice Act administered by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners. Students must complete a program at an accredited college or university and pass the National licensing exam, the NCLEX. Once licensed, nurses usually complete additional training or work with a mentor nurse at the worksite and are required to attend continuing education each year. Only those completing all of the above requirements are allowed to use the title registered nurse.

There are many entry and exit points in nursing. Jobs in the nursing arena require from 7 weeks to over 7 years of training. As with many health fields, the longer the training, the higher the salary. On the low end, a certified nurse's aid earns slightly above minimum wage. A chief nursing administrator or certified registered nurse anesthetist may earn over \$90,000 annually. The majority of nurses work in hospital settings; however, growing numbers work in home health, long-term care, industry and business, legal, and consulting roles.

A registered nurse may earn that credential in many ways. He or she may complete a two-year associate degree program at a community or junior college (ADN), a three-year diploma program, or a four-year Bachelor of Science in nursing at a college or university (BSN). There are only two diploma programs still existing in Texas. Students with other bachelor's degrees may complete any above option or an alternate entry program to gain the RN credentials. Students who opt to complete the associate degree may complete a transition program, moving them from ADN to BSN credentials. Similarly, students who complete training as a licensed vocational nurse (LVN) may enter a transition program taking them from LVN to RN/ADN.

Community or junior college nursing programs (AND) usually require between 4 and 6 prerequisite classes and determine acceptance based on performance in those courses. BSN programs require about 20 courses, including basic college courses with additional science, humanities, psychology, and nutrition. Acceptance is based on academic performance, recommendations, and occasionally personality testing or interviews. Students should contact the programs they are interested in attending for specific requirements.

¹ *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, U.S. Department of Labor – Bureau of Labor Statistics. Registered Nurses, February 7, 2004

Baccalaureate Degree Programs (BSN):

Abilene Intercollegiate School of Nursing (Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing)

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Baylor University Louise Herrington School of Nursing

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Prairie View A&M University

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Midwestern State University

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BSN Programs continued:

**Texas Christian University
Harris School of Nursing**

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**University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
The Scott and White College of Nursing**

UMHB Station, 900 College St
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**University of Texas at Arlington
School of Nursing**

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**University of Texas at Austin
School of Nursing**

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Austin, TX 78701-1412
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**University of Texas at El Paso
College of Health Sciences**

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BSN Programs continued:

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University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

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West Texas A&M University

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(Extension campus in Amarillo)

University of the Incarnate Word

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Diploma Programs (3 year):

Baptist Health System

111 Dallas St
San Antonio, TX 78205-1230
Tel: (210) 297-9100
<http://www.baptisthealthsystem.com/>

Covenant School of Nursing

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Associate Degree Programs (ADN):

Alvin Community College
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Houston Baptist University

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Howard College

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McLennan Community College

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Waco, TX 76708
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Midland College

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ADN Programs continued:

Navarro College

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Corsicana, TX 75110
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Gainesville, TX 76240
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North Harris Montgomery College

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Houston, TX 77073-3499
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Panola College

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San Antonio College

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San Antonio, TX 78212
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San Jacinto College Central

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South Plains College

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South Texas Community College

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Texarkana College

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<http://www.tc.cc.tx.us/health/adn.htm>

Trinity Valley Community College

800 Highway 243 West
Kaufman, TX 75142
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