

# Nursing

Nurses make up the largest single group of health care professionals. There are four times as many nurses as there are physicians in the United States. The demand for nurses is expected to expand through the next decade because of the growing need for medical care of an aging population and because large numbers of current nurses will soon retire.

## Working in Nursing



Many nurses work in hospital settings, medical offices and clinics, nursing homes, and home health care. Nurses specialize in such areas as pediatrics, obstetrics, psychiatry, surgery, intensive care and emergency medicine. Nurses with advanced training and certification can also work as a nurse midwife, nurse anesthetist, or nurse practitioner. Nurses can also move into health education, administration, or supervision. Because of the increasing technical nature of modern nursing and the changes in the health care field in general, continuing training and flexibility in job settings is necessary.

According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, median yearly income for registered nurses across the country was \$62,450 in 2008 with the middle 50% of nurses earning between \$51,640 and \$76,570. Specialty nursing, such as Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Midwives, and Nurse Anesthetists, can earn significantly more; specialties require advanced degrees.

## Additional Information

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### All Nursing Schools

[www.allnursingschools.com](http://www.allnursingschools.com)

### American Association of Colleges of Nursing

[www.aacn.nche.edu/](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/)

### National League for Nursing

[www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org)

### CSU Premedica Club

<http://hp.casa.colostate.edu/HP-clubs.aspx>

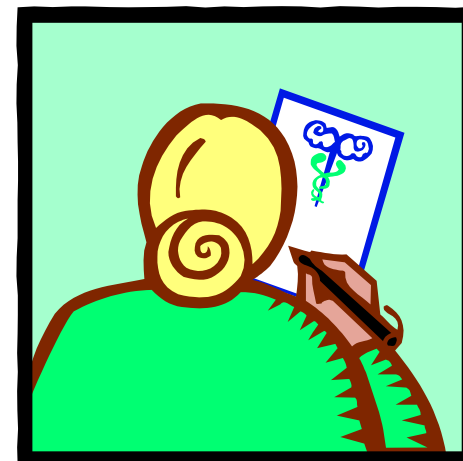
### Human Health Pre-Professional Programs

<http://hp.casa.colostate.edu/current-students.aspx>



## Center for Advising and Student Achievement

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## Health Track Advising

## Professional Programs

The preferred training for nursing is the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN). The traditional BSN involves four years of schooling. The first two years, often called “pre-nursing,” consist of coursework in science, math, communication, humanities, and the behavioral and social sciences, and requirements vary greatly from school to school. For the final two years, a student must apply and be accepted to the “clinical” portion of a BSN program. **CSU does not offer a BSN degree.** While it is *possible* at CSU to complete the “pre-nursing” courses many traditional BSN programs require, CSU science courses are more rigorous than necessary for nursing prerequisites, and are more appropriate for science majors and pre-med students. It is very important to consult the pre-nursing advisor at CSU as well as advisors at the nursing schools you are considering to determine how it would be best for you to complete your pre-nursing courses.

**For more information about specific nursing schools contact:**

[http://www.aacn.nche.edu/education/nurse\\_ed/nep\\_index.htm](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/education/nurse_ed/nep_index.htm)

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## Admissions Requirements

**Admissions requirements are GENERAL and *differ greatly* among nursing schools. Please contact the individual schools to discuss specific admissions requirements.**

- Minimum of 60 credits of college education
- Competitive cumulative GPA
- Application submitted to each school
- Letters of recommendation (some programs)

### Typical Academic Prerequisites

General Biology	(1 semesters w/ lab)
General Chemistry	(1 semester w/ lab)
Organic Chemistry	(1 semester)
Microbiology	(1 semester)
Human Anatomy	(1 semester w/ lab)
Physiology	(1 semester w/ lab)
Pharmacology	(1 semester)
Pathology	(1 semester)
Mathematics	(College Algebra/Exp. Functions)
Statistics	(1 semester)
Nutrition	(1 semester)
Developmental Psychology	(1 semester)
English Composition	(1 or 2 semesters)
Multicultural Studies	(1 semester)
General Education	(2-4 semesters)

### Recommended CSU Courses

LIFE 102
CHEM 107/108
CHEM 245/246 (required at UNC & UCCS)
LIFE 205 and LIFE 206
BMS 301
BMS 300 and BMS 302
BMS 450 (required at UNC)
MIP 315 (required at UNC)
MATH 117, 118, 124 (required at UCD)
STAT 201, 301 or 307
FSHN150 ( <b>NOT</b> accepted at UNC) <b>UNC's</b> FND 357 recommended for UNC
HDFS 101
CO150, CO 300/301
ANTH100, Ethnic Studies, Women Studies
suggest PSY100, SOC100, PHIL 100

*Schools differ greatly in their general education requirements.* Please contact individual nursing schools.