# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR NURSING MAJORS

## SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE NURSING MAJOR

- Active Listener
- Time Management
- Social Perceptiveness
- Monitoring
- Attention to Detail
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Stress Tolerance
- Oral & Written Expression
- Technical
- Record Keeping Skills
- Leadership
- Critical Thinking
- Ability to Instruct
- Integrity
- Dependability
- Concern for Others
- Independence
- Initiative
- Oral & Written Comprehension
- Finger Dexterity
- Pharmaceutical knowledge
- Supervision skills

## POTENTIAL CAREERS

### Staff Nursing
- Pediatrics
- Surgical
- Emergency
- Critical Care
- Maternity
- Women’s Health
- Newborn Intensive Care
- Cancer Treatment
- Psychiatric
- Operation Room/Recovery Room

### Independent Practice
- Temporary Staffing
- Travel Nursing
- Private Duty
- Midwife

### Government Service
- Staff Nursing
- Administration
- Policy Development
- Research

### Community and Public Health
- Home Health
- Rural Nursing
- Health Education

### Education
- Teaching
- Educational Administration
### TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

- Hospitals
- Physicians Offices
- Public and Private Schools
- Church-related Mission Services
- Social Service Organizations
- Clinics and Medical Centers
- Outpatient Surgery centers
- HMOs
- Senior Centers
- Military Bases
- Daycare Centers
- Embassies
- Educational Institutions
- Prisons
- Religious Organizations
- Public Relations Firms
- Healthcare Websites
- Insurance Companies
- World Health Organization
- Business and Industry
  - Pharmaceutical
  - Medical equipment/supplies

### TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH A BACHELORS IN NURSING

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<tr>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Registered nurses, physician assistants</td>
<td>81.9%</td>
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<td>Top and mid-level managers, executives, administrators</td>
<td>4.4%</td>
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<td>Personnel, training and labor relations specialists</td>
<td>2.8%</td>
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<td>Other health occupations</td>
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<td>Sales occupations, including retail</td>
<td>1.2%</td>
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<td>Postsecondary professors</td>
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<td>Health technologists and technicians</td>
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<td>Other management-related occupations</td>
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<td>Insurance, securities, real estate, business services</td>
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### ACTIVITIES ON THE JOB

- Most nursing duties involve the application of their nursing skills in various clinical settings.
- Staff supervision and employee relations are a regular part of the daily job duties of many nurses.
- A substantial number of nurses also engage in teaching activities, often of student nurses engaging in clinical training.
- Most nursing jobs involve accounting activities usually related to insurance coverage documentation.

### POST GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

- About 23% of all of graduates with a bachelor’s degree in nursing also earn a post graduate degree
- Only 2% of all of graduates with a bachelor’s degree in nursing go on to earn a doctorate degree.
- 60% of those who earn a master’s degree earn it in an nursing specialty.

### RELATED BOOKS IN THE CAREER RESOURCE LIBRARY (CLC 530)

- *The Nursing Job Search Handbook*
- *Opportunities in Nursing Assistant Careers*
- *Plunkett’s Health Care Industry Almanac*
- *Careers in Healthcare*
- *Hot Nursing Careers for the 21st Century*
- *101 Careers in Nursing*