Nursing

Nurses average $65,000 per year

Nursing is the nation’s largest health care profession

700,000+ RN openings predicted by the year 2020

this field is growing faster than average

Careers

Administration
Community Health
Educational Administration
Health Education
Health Policy
Home Health
Hospital Specialties:
  - Cancer Treatment
  - Critical Care
  - Emergency
  - Maternity
  - Newborn Intensive Care
  - Pediatrics
  - Psychiatric/Mental Health
  - Occupational/Industrial Health
  - Operating & Recovery Room
  - Surgical Women’s Health
  - Various Others
Midwifery
Nurse Practitioner*
Private Duty
Research*
School Nurse
Staff Nursing
Teaching*
Travel Nursing

*will require graduate studies

Strategies for Success

• Be prepared for nursing prerequisites: Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Essentials of General Chemistry, Introduction to Nursing, Medical Terminology, and Pathophysiology.
• Seek tutoring early if necessary.
• Don’t forget to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) as part of the admission process. Details will be given in freshman-level nursing courses.
• Confirm personal interest and gain experience through volunteering at your local hospital.
• Become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Patient Sitter, or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to set yourself apart and grow a solid resumé.
• Develop the ability to work with diverse and difficult patients and families.
• Grow healthy listening skills.
• Pursue certifications such as the Critical Care or Maternal-Child Critical Care Program.
• Learn to make clinical decisions quickly, efficiently and with good judgment; certificate programs are offered to students with a history of good clinical skills.
• Work extra hours in areas of interest to demonstrate a strong work ethic and strengthen your skill set.
• Keep all certifications, letters or recommendation, or other proof of your skills for building your portfolio.
• Take advantage of medical missions opportunities.
• Maintain a strong work ethic as students with excellent academic records may qualify for the Accelerated Summer School Program which allows completion of sophomore level nursing.
• Be open to a variety of options when seeking your first job.
• Identify your top hospitals of choice and know their job requirements.

Associations

American Association of Colleges of Nursing
AACN.nche.edu

American Nurses Association
NursingWorld.org

National League for Nursing
NLN.org

National Student Nurses’ Association
NSNA.org

Sigma Theta Tau International
NursingSociety.org

Holland Codes

The Holland Code system is designed to connect individuals with the career field that best fits their personality. The system scores the test taker on six separate scales: Realistic (R), Investigative (I), Artistic (A), Social (S), Enterprising (E), and Conventional (C). The two or three highest scores represent an individual’s strongest attributes. Here are a few examples of positions associated with this major:

- Registered Nurse (SIC)
- Critical Care Nurse (SIR)
- Home Health Aide (SR)
- Instructor (SI)
- Nurse Practitioner (SIR)
- Psychiatric Nurse (SI)

The FOCUS 2 Career Assessment utilizes these Holland Codes and is a free resource to Liberty students. Customized with Liberty’s majors, assessment results are matched to career options and majors offered at Liberty. To access this free resource visit Liberty.edu/Focus2.

Resources

On-Campus and Local Resources

- Access the Christian Service page (Liberty.edu/CSER) to see where other students have served in the health and sciences fields. Some positions to consider are: medical/surgical tutor, nursing community helper, nursing lab assistant, and pediatric tutor.
- Volunteer with the American Red Cross (Redcross.org).
- Become a member of the National Student Nursing Association (NSNA.org).

Online Resources

Visit the websites of the following organizations:

- American Colleges of Healthcare Executives
- American Hospital Association Career Center
- Health Callings
- Hospital Dream Jobs
- National Healthcare Career Network
- Nursing Careers
- Nursing Explorer
- Bureau of Labor Statistics on Nursing
- Soliant Health

Sample Resumes

For a variety of sample resumes visit the Liberty University Career Center (Liberty.edu/Careers).