



# Nursing - Major Steps

\*\* Every effort has been made to provide current and accurate information. Students should seek additional information from HCC and university advisors.

## Are you considering a career in nursing?

Strong demand and higher rates of pay have made nursing a very popular career choice today and not just among women. A steadily increasing number of men have been opting to join the profession as well. Registered Nurses (RNs) work to promote health and to help patients cope with illness. Nurses work with patients in hospitals, doctors' offices, and nursing homes. They work in public health facilities such as government agencies and schools. They also take care of patients in their homes as they recover from illness or accidents. Hospital nurses observe patients and carry out medical treatments using computerized equipment to monitor patients' vital signs. Office nurses prepare patients for exams and check vital signs and assist doctors with exams when requested. Public health nurses work to improve the overall health of communities by providing health care, first aid, shots and screenings.

### While in High School:

- Advanced Algebra
- Two or more years of foreign language
- Four years of English
- Biology, Chemistry, Statistics

## How can you prepare for nursing while at Highline?

### Nursing Pathways at Highline:

#### 1) Highline's Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Registered Nursing (RN) degree

Prepares you to work as a nurse

- LPN to RN track
- Direct RN track

#### 2) Highline's Associate in Pre-Nursing (AA) degree

Prepares you to transfer to a university to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) before beginning work as a nurse.

Nursing is a highly competitive field. It is strongly recommended that you strive for high grades in your nursing prerequisite courses. Many schools limit the number of times you may repeat a course or consider applicants who have failed, repeated or withdrawn from courses to be less competitive.

## Work with an advisor

Advisors in the Educational Planning and Advising Center (EPAC) can help you plan for your goals.

Drop-in advising appointments are available in EPAC, building 6:

Monday and Tuesday—8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday—8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday—8 a.m. - 2 p.m., 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Friday—9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (9am– 1pm Summer quarter)

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Programs in Washington

## Intercollegiate College of Nursing

- Washington State University
- Eastern Washington University
- Whitworth University

- BSN
- RN-to-BSN and MN
- www.wsu.edu
- www.ewu.edu
- www.whitworth.edu

## Gonzaga University

- BSN
- www.gonzaga.edu

## Northwest University

- BSN
- www.northwestu.edu

## Pacific Lutheran University

- BSN
- BA-to-MSN
- www.plu.edu

## Seattle Pacific University

- BSN
- LPN-to-BSN
- RN-to-BSN and MSN
- www.spu.edu

## Seattle University

- BSN
- BA-to-MSN
- www.seattleu.edu

## University of Washington - Seattle

- BSN
- BA-to-BSN and MS
- www.son.washington.edu

## University of Washington -Tacoma

- RN-to-BSN
- www.tacoma.washington.edu

## University of Washington -Bothell

- RN-to-BSN
- www.bothell.washington.edu

## Walla Walla University

Walla Walla, WA and Portland, OR Campuses

- BSN
- LPN-to-BSN
- RN-to-BSN
- www.wallawalla.edu

Be sure to contact the nursing programs you are interested in for an updated list of their admission requirements. Many schools also offer nursing information sessions that you can attend. You should also check with your nursing school to learn if there are any required health care hours (volunteer or work). Most nursing programs require that you write a personal statement outlining your interest in the nursing profession, leadership skills, community activities and your understanding of diverse cultures and perspectives.

## Nursing Websites

**National Student Nurses' Association** [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org)

**Discover Nursing** [www.discovernursing.com](http://www.discovernursing.com)

**Washington Center for Nursing** [www.wacenterfornursing.org](http://www.wacenterfornursing.org)

**Explore Health Careers** [www.explorehealthcareers.org](http://www.explorehealthcareers.org)

**For a list of schools in Washington that offer AAS in Nursing degrees:** [www.checkoutacollege.com](http://www.checkoutacollege.com)