## NURSING
What can I do with this degree?

### AREAS

**STAFF NURSING**
- Medical/Surgical Specialties
- Pediatrics
- Operating Room
- Emergency Room
- Critical Care Units
- Labor and Delivery
- Newborn Units
- Research, Transplant, and Detoxification Units

**Hospitals, medical centers, physicians' offices, medical groups, educational institutions, home care services**
- Extended care facilities such as nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and hospices
- Psychiatric units
- Public health services: local, state, and federal
- Government institutions, armed services
- Church-related mission services
- International healthcare agencies
- Business and industry

**EMPLOYERS**
- Gain experience through externship/internship programs.
- Work or volunteer in healthcare/medical settings during vacations.
- Take electives in areas such as wellness, holistic health, medical ethics, death and dying.
- Develop good organizational skills and ability to handle stress.
- Plan on graduate education for positions as clinical specialist or nurse administrator.

**COMMUNITY AGENCIES**
- Home HealthCare
- Public/Community Health
- Rural Nursing
- Occupational/Industrial Health

**Public and private schools and camps**
- Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)
- Day care centers, mental health centers
- Business and industry: health services centers
- State and local health departments
- Home healthcare agencies
- Hospital outpatient departments
- Senior centers
- Nurse-run clinics

**EMPLOYERS**
- Develop knowledge and skills in management, decision-making, mediation, teaching, counseling, and speaking and writing.
- Gain experience in the ability to handle emergencies including first aid procedures, work independently, and be flexible.
- Expand knowledge of health issues related to age, cultures, religions, ethics, and government policies.
- Consider graduate preparation for nurse practitioner.

**LONG-TERM CARE AGENCIES**
- Chronic Health Conditions

**Nursing homes, retirement centers, residential daycare centers**
- Rehabilitation centers
- Hospice organizations

**EMPLOYERS**
- Plan on graduate study as nurse practitioner or nurse specialist for advancement.
- Develop patience, ability to work with both patients and families for long periods, good listening skills.
- Take additional courses in holistic health, death/dying, and medical ethics.
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<td>INDEPENDENT PRACTICE</td>
<td>Practitioner&lt;br&gt;Clinician&lt;br&gt;Anesthetist&lt;br&gt;Midwife&lt;br&gt;Private Duty</td>
<td>Plan on acquiring experience, advanced education and certification.</td>
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<td>Physicians, clinics, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)</td>
<td>Must like to work autonomously, make independent decisions, be self-directed, detail oriented.</td>
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<td>Hospitals, industries, long-term care facilities, colleges, public health agencies, prisons</td>
<td>Master bilingual skills to be more valuable.</td>
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<td>Self-employment: independent/joint practice</td>
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<td>GOVERNMENT SERVICE</td>
<td>Health agencies including Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, Veterans Administration, Civil Service, Peace Corps/VISTA</td>
<td>Must identify interest in medical and hospital services, research, or public health.</td>
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<td>Armed services&lt;br&gt;International health agencies</td>
<td>Plan on graduate study in teaching, research, or administration for advancement.</td>
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<td>Become familiar with other cultures, languages, health systems and beliefs.</td>
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<td>Be prepared for combat nursing in armed services.</td>
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<td>EDUCATION</td>
<td>Teaching&lt;br&gt;Counseling</td>
<td>Develop patience, sensitivity to needs of young adults as well as patients, and ability to accept responsibility for actions of others.</td>
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<td>Vocational programs, hospitals&lt;br&gt;Colleges, universities&lt;br&gt;</td>
<td>Take courses in education, principles and practices of teaching.</td>
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<td>International healthcare organizations&lt;br&gt;Wellness centers&lt;br&gt;Public schools</td>
<td>Need advanced degrees to teach at college/university level.</td>
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<td>Develop skills in sales, marketing, and public speaking.</td>
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<td>Admissions/Recruitment</td>
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<td>NURSING RESEARCH</td>
<td>Large hospitals, medical centers&lt;br&gt;Colleges, universities&lt;br&gt;Centers for Nursing Research&lt;br&gt;National Institute for Nursing</td>
<td>Gain experience with research through supervised independent study or course projects.</td>
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<td>Develop curiosity, analytical thinking, attention to detail, persistence, and good speaking and writing skills.</td>
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<td>Plan on obtaining doctoral preparation.</td>
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<td>INTERNATIONAL FIELDS</td>
<td>International Health</td>
<td>Consider advanced education as clinician or nurse practitioner to be more valuable.</td>
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<td>Embassies, military bases, national or international government agencies, private voluntary organizations, universities</td>
<td>Inquire about need for additional preparation in religious studies or similar courses.</td>
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<td>Business and industry&lt;br&gt;Church-related mission services&lt;br&gt;World Health Organization</td>
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### AREAS

- Marketing/Sales
- Product Manager
- Entrepreneur
- Quality Assurance
- Editor/Writer
- Communications Specialist

### EMPLOYERS

- Hospitals
- Business and industry: pharmaceutical companies, medical equipment, computers, insurance
- Medical/health publications
- Universities
- Healthcare advertising agencies
- Professional associations

### STRATEGIES

Plan on obtaining minor in business or communications.