Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Nursing Programs

But Were Afraid to Ask!

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Nursing: The Profession

- Types of Basic Nursing Programs:
  - RN: Registered Professional Nursing
    * BSN: Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing
    * ADN: Associate Degree in Nursing
    * Diploma: Hospital Based School
  - LPN/LVN: Licensed Practical Nursing
    Licensed Vocational Nursing
  - CNA: Certified Nurses Assistant
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- Types of Advanced Nursing Programs
  - Master’s Level
  * MS: Master of Science, Major in Nursing
  * MSN: Master of Science in Nursing
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- Examples of Nurse Certifications Requiring Master’s Level Education
  - CNS: Clinical Nurse Specialist
  - CNM: Certified Nurse Midwife
  - APN: Advanced Practice Nurse
  - NP: Nurse Practitioner
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- Common Organizations Associated with Nursing Education
  - ANA: American Association of Nursing
  - IOM: Institute of Medicine
  - ICN: International Council of Nursing
  - JC: Joint Commission (Formerly Joint Commission of Hospitals)
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• Advanced Certificates:
  * Practice Types:
    CCRN: Critical Care,

  * Education:
    CNE: Certified Nurse Educator
    MOT: Master Online Teacher

  * Administration:
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- Types of Advanced Nursing Programs
  - Doctoral Level
    * PhD - Nursing Science (Research)
    * DNP - Doctorate in Nursing Practice
      By Specialty (Practice)
    * DNSc - Doctorate in Nursing (Practice)
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- Educational Models
  * Based on a specific nursing theory or conceptual model/framework
    - Watson’s Caring Theory
    - Roy’s Adaptation
    - Orem’s Self Care
    - Leininger’s Transcultural Nursing
    - Eclectic Theories
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• Types of Nursing Curricula
  * Traditional: Based on medical model
  * Integrated: Based on threads or concepts of nursing, interwoven throughout each course of study. (CIP)
Approval Versus Accreditation

* State Approval: (Required)
Illinois Department of Finance and Professional Regulation (IDFPR). All graduating nursing students must be from approved schools, who pass the State licensure examination or NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses)
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- Types of Nursing Program Accreditation (Desired but not State Required)
  * NLNAC: National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
  * AACN: American Association of Colleges of Nursing
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