What can I do with my Major?

NURSING

OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

The field of nursing has many different components as well as a wide variety of opportunities. Nurses are providers of human services and participate in providing comprehensive health care. The major also imparts sufficient information from the social and natural sciences to permit an effective undertaking of the nursing courses necessary for completion of the program. Students benefit from a balance of hands-on experience, classroom learning and theories, and research of the practice.

NATURE OF WORK

Nursing is a patient-oriented field that is focused on helping others. The direct service to individuals assists them when they are stressed about their basic human needs. Concurrently, an indirect service is provided by which a contribution is made to the maintenance of health and recovery from illness. The goal of being a nurse is to help each individual attain the highest possible level of general health. The nurse’s practice is focused on assessing people’s health status, assets, and deviations from health, as well as on helping sick people regain health through available nursing strategies.

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

- Registered Nurse
- Critical Care Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner
- Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Acute Care Nurse
- Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
- Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Home Health Aide
- Nurse Midwife
- Medical and Health Services Managers
- Nursing Assistant
- Clinical Research Coordinator
- Informatics Nurse Specialist
- Personal Care Aide

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SPECIALTY AREAS

Academic
Administration-Management
Allergy
Alternative Medicine
Anesthesiology
Bariatric
Cardio-Thoracic Surgery
Cardiology
Colon and Rectal Surgery
Critical Care
Dermatology
ENT – Otorhinolaryngology
Emergency Medicine
Endocrinology
Family Practice
Gastroenterology
General Practice
Genetics
Geriatrics
Hematology and Oncology
Hepatology
Hospitalist
Immunology
Immunology
Infectious Disease
Insurance Medicine
Internal Medicine
Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Medical Informatics
Medical Microbiology
Neonatology
Nephrology
Neuroradiology
Neurosurgery
Nuclear Medicine
Nurse
Nurse Midwife
Nurse Practitioner
O.R. Tech
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Occupational Medicine
Oncology
Ophthalmology
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Orthopaedic Surgery
Pain Medicine
Palliative Care and Hospice
Pathology
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Pediatrics
Pediatrics – Endocrinology
Pediatrics- Hematology – Oncology
Pediatrics – Orthopaedics
Pharmaceutical Industry
Physiatrist
Physical Medicine/Rehab
Physician Assistant
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Podiatry
Preventive Medicine
Proctology
Psychiatry
Psychology
Public Health
Pulmonary Medicine
Radiation Oncology
Radiology
Research
Rheumatology
Sleep Medicine
Sports Medicine
Surgery – Abdominal
Surgery – Breast
Surgery – Cardiovascular
Surgery – Colon and Rectal
Surgery – Craniofacial
Surgery – Gastrointestinal
Surgery – General
Surgery – Hand and Plastic
Surgery – Hip & Knee
Surgery – Laparoendoscopic
Surgery – Neurological
Surgery – Pediatric
Surgical Critical Care
Thoracic Surgery
Transplant Surgery
Trauma Surgery
Urgent Care
Urology
Vascular Medicine
Vascular Surgery

NON-TRADITIONAL CAREERS IN NURSING

Occupational & Environmental Health Nursing Jobs
Travel Health Nursing
Telenursing
Forensic Nursing
School Nursing
Cruise Ship Nursing
Case Manager
Nursing Informatics
Fitness Nursing
Holistic Nursing
Gerontological Nursing
Legal Nurse Consulting
Nurse Writer
Nurse Educator
Clinical Research Nurse
Pharmaceutical Nursing
Risk Management
Electronic Health Records
Online Education
Government Jobs in Nursing
Consultants
Nursing Careers in the Military
Civilian Nursing Careers in the Military
Nursing Careers for the U.S. Government