The mission and philosophy of the School of Nursing are based on the belief that the profession of nursing is a primary force in the improvement of the human condition. The faculty accepts the responsibility to create and maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning and growth through the achievement of academic excellence within the framework of a liberal arts education. The faculty believes that broadly educated individuals apply knowledge through critical inquiry and critical appraisal, adapt to change, and are culturally competent. Graduates are, therefore, able to meet the competitive demands of the nursing profession.

Why pursue a career in nursing?

Nurses promote health, prevent disease, and help patients cope with illness. They have a unique scope of skills and can practice independently, although they also work in partnership with all members of the healthcare team to provide the care needed by each patient individually. Nurses are hands-on healthcare professionals who deliver attentive and highly tailored care.

Nurses create and manage nursing care plans; instruct patients and their families in proper care; and help individuals and groups take steps to expand/preserve their health. Also, they serve as activists for patients, families, and communities.

What are the career opportunities in Nursing and what salary ranges can I expect after graduation?

The field has a wide range of career opportunities. Although an entry-level nurse can find a job with a three-year RN degree, there is an increasing national movement to require all nurses to hold a BSN.

If you want variety in courses and career options, enjoy promoting disease prevention, and are looking for excitement in school, then an undergraduate degree in nursing is a great choice.

BSN Salary Ranges Based on Years of Experience (Base Pay Estimates)

- Less than one year: $50,081
- 1-4 years: $54,519
- 5-9 years: $59,931
- 10-19 years: $62,820
- 20 years or more: $67,394

BSN Salary Ranges Based on Location in the US

- New York: $65,062
- Seattle: $53,102
- Atlanta: $54,176
- Chicago: $54,457
- Houston: $59,499
- Dallas: $56,492

Rural nursing salary ranges can actually be the same or higher than urban BSN salaries, thanks to nursing shortages in those areas.

BSN Salary Ranges Based on Specialty

- Nurse Manager: $67,922
- Nurse Case Manager: $58,893
- Director, Nursing: $71,619
- Clinical Nurse Manager: $66,252
- Nurse School: $37,867

(Sources: www.science.education.nih.gov, www.aanc.nche.edu, www.nursingprograms.com)