

Careers in Nursing

California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN):
www.rn.ca.gov

California Board of Vocational Nursing
www.bvnpt.ca.gov

CNA Certification
www.dhs.ca.gov/lnc/cert

American Nurses' Association (ANA):
www.nursingworld.org

National League for Nursing (NLN):
www.nln.org

Choose Nursing
www.choosenursing.com

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What it Takes

Nurses provide clinical care, health prevention and advocacy. Nurses improve the quality of the health care delivery system. To become a nurse it takes knowledge, skills and a kind hearted person with lots of patience. Nurses are a part of the professional health care system, providing high-quality and competent medical care. It is imperative that the potential nurse is service oriented, hard working and assertive. Students need to have a genuine desire to help others.

How to Become a Nurse

You can begin your nursing education in high school with college preparation classes. You will need to decide whether to go to an Associates or Bachelor of Science (BS) program. Make sure that the program you choose is a state approved nursing program. After receiving your degree apply to the state to become licensed. Take state boards and pass them.

Benefits and Opportunities

An important benefit of working as a nurse is the flexibility available. Nurses can usually work a variety of hours, shifts and locations. Opportunities and demands for nurses have never been higher.

Careers Galore

Nursing offers many exciting and rewarding opportunities. Nurses have many choices from the environment that they work in to what type of patients they treat. There are over 75 specializations in nursing from Aerospace Nursing, through home care to Diabetes Education Nurses.



Nursing Schools

The following is a list of nursing schools in San Diego:

Associate Degree Programs

Grossmont College
(619) 644-7300
www.gcccd.cc.ca.us

Maric College
(858) 279-4500
www.mariccollege.edu

Palomar College
(760) 744-1150 x2279
www.palomar.edu

San Diego City College
(619) 388-3441 or 3471
www.sdcity.edu/nursing

Southwestern
Community College
(619) 482-6352
www.swc.cc.ca.us/~nursing

Baccalaureate Degree Programs

Point Loma Nazarene
(619) 849-2425 or 7055
www.ptloma.edu/nursing/

San Diego State University
(619) 594-5357
www.nursing.sdsu.edu

National University
(858) 642-8344
www3.nu.edu/schools/soas/don/

RN to BSN Programs

National University
see contact info above/

University of Phoenix
(800) 473-4346
www.phoenix.edu

Master's Degree Programs

University of San Diego-
Hahn School of Nursing
and Health Sciences
(619) 260 -4548
www.sandiego.edu/academics/nursing/

University of Phoenix
see contact info above

San Diego State University
see contact info above

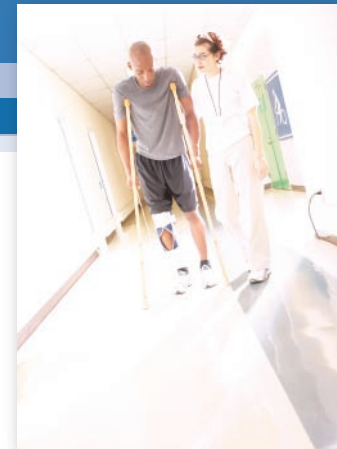
Nurse Practitioner Programs

San Diego State University
see contact info above

University of San Diego
see contact info above

Doctoral Programs

University of San Diego
see contact info above



Special Certifications

Clinical Nurse Specialist
Nurse Anesthesia
Nurse-Midwifery
Nurse Practitioner
Public Health Nursing

