

WHAT IS NURSING?

Nursing is the protection, promotion, and optimization of health and abilities, prevention of illness and injury, facilitation of healing, alleviation of suffering through the diagnosis and treatment of human response, and advocacy in the care of individuals, families, groups, communities, and populations.

RELATED CAREER TITLES

Acute Care	Director of Nursing	Neurological	Physical Therapist
Adolescent Nurse Specialist	Disabilities	Nurse Anesthetist*	Physiological Nursing
Adult Health Care	Emergency Surgical Nurse	Nurse Clinician	Primary Ambulatory Care
Ambulatory Care	Family Nursing	Nurse Consultant	Private Duty Nurse
Ambulatory Child Health	Gerontology	Nurse Educator	Public Health
Art Therapist	Head Nurse	Nurse Informatics	Pulmonary
Cardiovascular	Hospital Administrator	Nurse Practitioner*	Recreational Therapist
Community/Mental	Industrial Therapist	Nurse Researcher	Registered Nurse
Correctional Health	Manual Arts Therapist	Nurse Supervisor	Rehabilitation
Corrective Therapist	Maternity Nursing	Nursing Health Policy	School Health Nurse
Critical Care	Medical-Surgical	Occupational Health	Spinal Cord Injury Nurse Practitioner
Delivery of Services	Mental Health Ethnic Specialist	Office Nurse	Staff Development
Developmental Services	Midwife*	Oncology	Transcultural Nursing
Diabetes Nursing*	Music Therapist	Pediatric	Trauma Nurse
Neonatal Nurse	Traveling Nurse		

*Career requires additional education

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Ability to react spontaneously and maintain emotional and physical composure in stressful situations	Explaining health care and treatments to patients	Planning and arranging health care treatments
Ability to solve problems	Focus and accuracy	Treating physical or mental problems
Collecting and recording medical information	Giving injections, drugs, and other medications	Understanding of normal human behavior, growth and development
Creating and using computerized medical records	Observing and analyzing physical problems	Working as a member of a health services team

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RELATED CAREER EXPLORATION LINKS

American Nurses Association: nursingworld.org

National League for Nursing: nlh.org

Department of Nursing: fhsu.edu/nursing

FHSU Career Services: fhsu.edu/career/

Occupational Outlook Handbook: bls.gov/oooh



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