

Nursing Career Information

Nursing is a stable career offering an assortment of options for schedules, locations, and levels of responsibility. Nurses work in hospitals (either assigned to a specific department or rotating among departments), clinics, offices schools, or may travel to a variety of sites. They provide a broad range of services with the largest and most well-known being hospital patient care. Nurses have the ability to move to various specialties; however they must have completed the required education and certification for the specialty.

Some of the functions performed by a nurse are:

- Taking medical histories and performing physical exams
- Administering medications and providing wound care
- Coordinating with other healthcare professionals about patient care
- Providing health promotion, counseling, and education

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<https://lists.lsit.ucsb.edu/listinfo/health>

PRE-HEALTH TEAM INFO

Career Exploration, Admissions, Applications, Interviews, Internship & Volunteer Opportunities

Career Counselor: Monica Ballón-Kalinowski

Location: Career Services Building 599

Monica.ballon-kalinowski@sa.ucsb.edu; For appointments call: (805) 893-4412

Ask about Monica's weekly drop-in hours & for the pre-health peer advisor weekly drop-in hours (both in the CRR)

Visit the Career Resource Room's (CRR) Pre-Health Section for lots of resources including internship opportunities!

Counselor Dr. Stephen Blain

Location: 1117 Cheadle Hall

Make appointments online: <http://www.duels.ucsb.edu/health>

Academic Planning & Course Scheduling

Academic Advisors: Paula Bautista & Scott Kassner

Location: 117 Cheadle Hall

For appointments call (805) 893-2038 or schedule online: <http://www.duels.ucsb.edu/health>

POLULAR NURSING CAREERS

For more information and a more extensive list of specialties visit: <http://explorehealthcareers.org>

- ✦ **Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)**
- ✦ **Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)**
- ✦ **Nurse Anesthetist**
- ✦ **Nurse Educator**
- ✦ **Nurse Midwife**
- ✦ **Nurse Researcher**
- ✦ **Public Health Nurse**
- ✦ **Registered Nurse (RN)**
- ✦ **Nurse Practitioner (NP)**
- ✦ **Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)**
- ✦ **Occupational Health Nurse**
- ✦ **Home Health Care and Hospice Nurse**

EDUCATIONAL ROUTES

1. Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (4 Years)
UCSB DOES NOT OFFER THIS
2. Associate Degree in Nursing (2-3 Years)
TO BE COMPLETED AFTER UCSB
3. Accelerated Nursing Program
TO BE COMPLETED AFTER UCSB

WHAT IS AN ACCELERATED NURSING PROGRAM?

This is an option to be considered for UCSB graduates who do not wish to pursue a second Bachelor's in a nursing program. Accelerated programs offer the quickest route to licensure as a registered nurse (RN) for those who have already completed a bachelor's or graduate degree in a **non-nursing discipline**. Fast-track programs take between 11 and 18 months to complete, including prerequisites. Fast-track master's degree programs generally take about 3 years to complete. Admissions into these programs can be very competitive and previous clinical experience with patients is required. Do extensive research on programs and connect with admissions staff before applying to get info on: accepted student GPA, test scores, number of clinical hours, etc.

RESOURCES

ExploreHEALTHCareers.org

<http://explorehealthcareers.org/en/Field/6/Nursing>

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/students>

UCSB Career Services Online Library

<http://career.sa.ucsb.edu/career-resources/online-career-library>

Bureau of Labor Statistics – Registered Nurses

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>

Bureau of Labor Statistics – Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Midwives, & Nurse Practitioners

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/nurse-anesthetists-nurse-midwives-and-nurse-practitioners.htm>

DiscoveringNursing.com

<https://www.discovernursing.com/explore-specialties#no-filters>

Board of Registered Nursing

<http://www.rn.ca.gov/schools/rnprograms.shtml>

American Association of Colleges of Nursing – Accelerated Programs

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/media-relations/fact-sheets/accelerated-programs>

National Nurses United

<http://www.nationalnursesunited.org/site/entry/california-nurses-association>

California Baptist University Nursing Program

<http://www.calbaptist.edu/academics/schools-colleges/school-nursing/entry-level-master-science-nursing/frequently-asked-questions/>

