

Start Your Career Path in Nursing

Professionals in the field of nursing have a wide variety of responsibilities and roles based on specialty and level of education. Roles can range from direct patient care and case management to public education, quality measures development and administrative positions. Nursing is one of the most in-demand health careers with extensive career opportunities through multiple levels of education and professional practice. *Remember, no career path is the same. For the most up-to-date information, contact the school or business.*





= Certification Required



= Education Required



= Fee Payment Required

Starting your nursing career journey in high school?

Visit virginiahealthcareers.org/core-curriculum to learn more.

CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) Programs**	Advanced Practice Programs**
Salary Range: \$30k - \$42k	Salary Range: \$102k - \$142k
Certification	Master of Science in Nursing Degree (MSN)
High School Career and Technical Education in Your Area	Centra College of Health
Centra College of Health	Galen College of Nursing
ECPI (East Coast Polytechnic Institute)	Liberty University
Galen College of Nursing	Radford University
Goodwill GoodCare Program	University of Lynchburg
High School Vocational	Doctorate Programs**
Mountain Gateway Community College	Salary Range: \$89k - \$142k
New River Community College	Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree (DNP)
TAP (Total Action for Progress)	Centra College of Health
Virginia Western Community College	Galen College of Nursing
LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse Programs**	Liberty University
Salary Range: \$38k - \$68k	Radford University
Licensure	University of Lynchburg
Centra College of Health	
Galen College of Nursing	
Mountain Gateway Community College	
New River Community College	
Virginia Western Community College	



Degrees & Certificates Guide

AS - An Associate of Science degree is a two-year degree that combines general coursework with major-specific classes.

AAS - An Associate of Applied Science degree is a two-year college degree that focuses on a specific technical skill of applied science.

Certificate - A certificate of study is a postsecondary credential that shows completed practical training and gained skills in a specific field and carries credit.

Career Studies Certificate - A careers studies program is a short-term program that improves job skills (12-18 academic credits, 15-18 months to complete).

FastForward - FastForward is a short-term workforce training program that offers industry credentials and certifications in a shorter time period (non-credit).