Nursing

A major in Nursing prepares you for a career in a variety of health settings. Competence in chemistry, biology, human nutrition, psychology, medical microbiology, anatomy, physiology and growth development are required components in a Nursing major’s education.

Nurses are concerned with the “whole person.” They provide for physical, mental, and emotional needs of patients. Observing, assessing, recording symptoms, reactions, and progress are some of the duties of a nurse.

The Nursing curriculum at NMU offers five programs: Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), LPN to BSN, Registered Nurse (RN) to BSN and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

A degree in Nursing prepares you for a variety of related occupations in the field. After graduation, students must pass a national licensing examination to get a nursing license. A bachelor’s degree is necessary for clinical and nursing administrative positions in hospitals and in community health nursing. A bachelor’s degree is a prerequisite for a graduate nursing program in research, consulting, teaching, clinical supervision, upper administration, and advanced practice. Opportunities will be best for nurses with advanced education.

Skills and Competencies

Nursing majors must have a solid background in science and mathematics. Nurses need to be caring, alert, sympathetic, accept responsibility, direct or supervise others, and determine when consultation is required. A student choosing to major in Nursing must possess enough emotional stability to cope with human suffering, emergencies, and other related stresses.

Course Work

This BSN degree includes the following courses as part of the program requirements, and specific major requirements along with general education courses and graduation requirements.

Nursing Courses (BSN)

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Other required courses

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Career Development

You should begin the resume-building process as soon as you can. The Academic and Career Advancement Center can assist you with career planning, while Career Services will help you fine tune your resume and look for jobs related to your field. In the meantime, the more hands-on experience you have, the better the chances are that you will find a job. Becoming involved in a professional related internship is a way to develop your professional skills and gain experience. Your academic course work is important as well, so be sure to maintain a high grade point average.

Additional Considerations

These professions allow for much interaction with patients. Career growth is possible with these jobs. Some of these occupations require going to patients’ homes for services.

There are hundreds of specialized careers within the nursing field, if you don't particularly enjoy your work, rather than switching careers, you can simply try something else in the field. Some careers will require further degrees and/or graduate school. NMU offers the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree that prepares graduates to practice as Family Nurse Practitioners (FNP).

Job Outlook

There remains a significant shortage of nurses across the country, therefore the need for nurses will continue to rise. Most graduates find employment in their field shortly after graduation. Salary or wages are dependent upon geographic location and position.

Detailed course descriptions can be found at www.nmu.edu/bulletin.
Potential Careers

NMU's Nursing Program prepares students for employment in the following careers:

- Ambulatory Care Nursing
- Camp Nursing
- Cardiac Care Nursing
- Community Health Nursing
- Correctional Facility Nursing
- Critical Care Nursing
- Developmental Disability Nursing
- Emergency Nursing
- Geriatric Nursing
- Gynecology/Obstetric Nursing
- Infection Control Nursing
- Labor and Delivery Nursing
- Medical-Surgical Nursing
- Military/Uniformed Service Nursing
- Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing
- Neuroscience Nursing
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nursing Advocacy
- Nursing Writer, Author, or Historian
- Occupational Health Nursing
- Oncology Nursing
- Orthopedic Nursing
- Pediatric Nursing
- Plastic Surgery Nursing
- Psychiatric Nursing
- Radiology Nursing
- School Nursing
- Urologic Nursing

Additional Resources and Information

For Career Planning and Opportunities:
Academic & Career Advisement Center
3302.1 C.B. Hedgcock
906-227-2971
www.nmu.edu/acac

School of Nursing
2301 New Science Facility
906-227-9834
www.nmu.edu/nursing

For Job Search, Resume and Career Information:
Career Services
3302.3 C.B. Hedgcock
906-227-2800
www.nmu.edu/careers

For Information about NMU Student Organizations Associated with this Major Contact:
Center for Student Enrichment
1206 University Center
906-227-2439
www.nmu.edu/cse

Student Nurses Association
sna@nmu.edu

Internet Resource Links:
www.careers.org
www.bls.gov

For Career Information with National Organizations:
www.rn.com – Nursing Continuing Education
www.nln.org – National League for Nursing
www.discovernursing.com – Johnson & Johnson