

# What Can I Do With a Major in...

# Nursing?

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The School of Nursing offers an associate's, bachelor's and master's of science degrees. Freshman experience the "profession" in the hospital environment very early in their educational career at Gwynedd-Mercy College. With more than 200 regional health care affiliations, the clinical experience is always varied and first rate. Students in the bachelor's and master's programs can use work experience for credit through the School's portfolio credit program. The School also offers a weekend nursing option (Saturdays and Sundays) for those that already hold a BA or BS degree in another field. This program begins in the fall and is scheduled in a four-semester format.

### Skills/Competencies Associated with Nursing Majors:

- \*Aptitude for science and health
- \*Accuracy and Good verbal skills
- \*Ability to work well under stress
- \*Physical stamina and strength
- \*Ability to communicate with various groups
- \*Health, Integrity, Poise, Empathy
- \*Desire to help people
- \*Ability to connect technology and humanity
- \*Ability to make quick judgments based on observation
- \*Understanding of human behavior
- \*Ability to work well with others
- \*Good interpersonal skills
- \*Willingness to work beyond 9-5 schedule
- \*Flexibility

### Related Occupations:

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| Acute Care Nurse                       | Director of Nursing             | Administrator                          |
| Administrator of Educational Programs  | Emergency Surgical Nurse        | Occupational Health Nurse              |
| Administrator of Nursing Services      | Family Nursing Specialist       | Office Nurse                           |
| Adolescent Nurse Specialist            | General Duty Nurse              | Oncology Nurse                         |
| Adult Health Care Provider             | Gerontology Nurse               | Pediatric Nurse                        |
| Ambulatory Care Nurse                  | Head Nurse                      | Physiological Nursing                  |
| Ambulatory Child Health                | Hospital Administrator          | Primary Ambulatory Care Nurse          |
| Anesthesia Nurse                       | Industrial Therapist            | Private Duty Nurse                     |
| Art Therapist                          | Manual Arts Therapist           | Professional Role in Nursing Education |
| Athletic Trainer                       | Maternity Ward Nursing          | Psychiatric Nurse                      |
| Cardiovascular Nurse                   | Medical-Surgical Nurse          | Psychosocial Nursing                   |
| Community Health Nurse                 | Mental Health Nurse             | Public Health Specialist               |
| Community Mental Health Nurse          | Mental Health Ethnic Specialist | Pulmonary Nurse                        |
| Correctional Health Nurse              | Midwife                         | Registered Nurse                       |
| Corrective Therapist                   | Neonatal Nurse                  | Rehabilitation Nurse                   |
| Critical Care Nurse                    | Neurological Nurse              | School Nurse                           |
| Delivery of Services-Staff Development | Nurse Anesthetist               | Spinal Cord Injury Nurse Practitioner  |
| Developmental Disabilities             | Nurse Clinician                 | Transcultural Nursing                  |
| Diabetes Nursing                       | Nurse Instructor                | Trauma Nurse                           |
|  | Nurse Paralegal                 | Traveling Nurse                        |
|  | Nurse Practitioner              |  |
|  | Nurse Supervisor                |  |
|  | Nursing Health Policy           |  |

\*This is only a partial list and not meant to limit you. Come to Career Services to explore your options further.

## **Strategies:**

- \*Obtain internship
- \*Volunteer in medical/health-care settings
  - \*Develop organizational skills
- \*Take electives in psychology, advanced physiology, communication and technology
  - \*Develop management and leadership skills
  - \*Consider graduate school or advance practice
  - \*Gain experience in handling emergencies
  - \*Consider studying another language

## **Resources for Nursing Majors:**

College Central Network  
[www.collegecentral.com/gmc](http://www.collegecentral.com/gmc)

InterNurse  
<http://www.internurse.com/>

Journal of Neonatal Nursing  
[www.nursing-standard.co.uk](http://www.nursing-standard.co.uk)

Nursing net  
[www.nursingnet.org/](http://www.nursingnet.org/)

Public Health Career Links  
[www.hsph.harvard.edu/careers/guide-careers.html](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/careers/guide-careers.html)

Craig's Nursing and Medical Resources  
[www.duke.edu/~mclen003/medical.htm#favor](http://www.duke.edu/~mclen003/medical.htm#favor)

Pam Pohly's Employment Resources  
<http://www.pohly.com/links.shtml>

Healthcare jobs online  
<http://www.hcjobsonline.com>

Occupational Outlook Handbook  
[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

Nurseweek  
[www.nurseweek.com](http://www.nurseweek.com)

New Face of Nursing  
[www.nursingcenter.com](http://www.nursingcenter.com)

Medzilla  
[www.medzilla.com](http://www.medzilla.com)

Primary Care Internet Guide  
<http://www.uib.no/isf/guide/nursing.htm>

ADVANCE for Nurses  
[www.advancefornurses.com](http://www.advancefornurses.com)

Nationjob  
<http://www.nationjob.com/medical>

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