

NURSING

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What can I do with a degree in Nursing?

Skills

As an undergraduate student in Nursing, you have many employability skills that are currently in demand. It is important that you are able to communicate these skills to potential employers. Some of these skills include:

- Quick decision-making
- Analyze data
- Math skills
- Interpersonal skills, compassion for others
- Administer medications
- Adaptable
- Critical thinking
- Assessment/evaluation
- Work well under stress
- Manual dexterity
- Operate medical equipment
- Collaboration
- Data recording/ reporting
- Problem solving
- Visual monitoring
- Prioritize multiple tasks
- Knowledge of science, medicine
- Knowledge of human behaviour
- Active listening
- Attention to detail
- [Ontario Skills Passport](#)

Potential Career Options

- Administrator of Nursing Services
- Administrator of Educational Programs
- College/University faculty or Staff Development/Educator
- Delivery of Services- Staff Development
- Hospital Administrator
- Midwife
- Nurse
- Nursing care coordinator
- Nursing supervisor
- Occupational Health
- Public Health
- Researcher
- Teacher

Employment Prospects in this Area of Study

Job Futures (www.jobfutures.ca www.ontariojobfutures.ca) are websites that inform you of employment prospects for various areas of employment and in specific occupations. Here you can compare annual salaries and average unemployment rates of Canadian graduates.

Gain Experience Related to Your Studies

The following types of organizations give you the opportunity to gain either volunteer or employment experience in the labour market related to your studies:

- Clinics
- Doctors' offices
- Educational institutions
- Extended-Care facilities
- Governments
- Hospitals
- Nursing homes
- Private homes
- Recreational centres
- Rehabilitation centres
- Research institutions
- Sports federations or associations
- Sports or health clubs

You can also gain experience in the following work fields:

- Adult or Pediatric echocardiography or neurology
- Burn Unit
- Clinical medicine or medical laboratory
- Community health
- Continuing care
- Critical and Emergency care
- Dialysis
- Dietary
- Geriatrics
- Gerontology
- Health care management
- High risk delivery
- Intensive Care
- Maternal care
- Mental Health
- Neonatal care
- Neurosciences
- Neurosurgery and Trauma
- Nuclear medicine
- Nutrition
- Obstetrics care
- Oncology
- Pediatrics
- Perinatal care
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Psychiatric care
- Research
- Respiratory care

- School
- Sonography
- Surgery
- Teaching

Graduate Studies

Exploring Graduate Programs

If you are thinking about continuing your education post graduation, log onto the following websites to locate and explore graduate programs you may be interested in:

- [Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada](#)
- [Schoolfinder](#) (Canada)
- [Gradview](#) (Canada and US)
- [School Guides](#)
- [Grad Schools](#)
- [Grad Source](#)

Applying to Grad School

Various graduate programs have various application requirements. Log onto the following websites for more information.

- [Ontario Universities Application Centre: Professional Applications](#) – Find applications here for The Ontario Rehabilitation Sciences Programs (ORPAS), The Ontario Faculties of Education (TEAS), The Ontario Law Schools (OLSAS), The Ontario Medical Schools (OMSAS)
- [Graduate Records Exam \(GRE\)](#) (Master's degrees in Arts/Social Sciences)
- [Masters of Business Administration \(MBA\)](#) – Also includes GMAT information
- [Medical College Admission Test \(MCAT\)](#)
- [Dental Aptitude Test \(DAT\)](#)
- [Optometry Admission Test \(OAT\)](#)
- [CMCC Chiropractic College](#) applications

A detailed list of post graduate admission links.

Web Links

Professional Associations/Sites of Interest

- [American Academy of Nurse Practitioners \(US\)](#)
- [American Nurses Association \(US\)](#)
- [Association of Ontario Health Centres](#)
- [Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses](#)
- [Canadian Health Services Research Foundation](#)
- [Canadian Nurses Association](#)
- [Canadian Nurses Protective Society \(CNPS\)](#)
- [Canadian Nursing Index](#)
- [Canadian Nursing Students' Association](#)
- [Canadian Policy Research Network](#)
- [Canadian Public Health Association](#)

- [College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta](#)
- [College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia](#)
- [College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia](#)
- [National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses \(US\)](#)
- [National Institute of Nursing Research](#)
- [National League for Nursing](#)
- [NP Central](#)
- [Nursing Ethics](#)
- [Ontario Nurses' Association](#)
- [Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada](#)
- [Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec \(French\)](#)
- [Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario](#)
- [College of Nurses of Ontario](#)

Industry-specific Job Search websites

- [Access Nursing](#)
- [Canadian Nursing Index](#)
- [Health Canada](#)

Additional Career Related Information

- [University of Ottawa: What can I do with my studies?](#)
- [McGill University: What Can I Do?](#)
- [Guelph University: What Can I do?](#)
- [Brock University: What Can I Do?](#)