



PRE-NURSING

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Why NURSING?

Nurses represent one of the most rapidly growing occupations in the United States.* The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the number of **nursing-related jobs is expected to increase faster than the national average at 16% between now and 2024.**

RN DIPLOMA, ADN, OR BSN?

There are three educational paths to becoming a registered nurse:

- **RN diploma:** Typically a hospital-based accreditation that may be granted by a technical or vocational school
- **ADN:** An associate's degree in nursing is a degree from a two-year college
- **BSN:** A bachelor of science in nursing is a degree from a four-year college — *the option available to Hollins students*

REWARDS of Earning a BSN

MORE CAREER OPTIONS

Earned through a four-year program, the BSN enables you to pursue a career as a *nurse educator*, *public health nurse*, or a *specialist in specific age groups or disease type*.

You also have a **gateway to more advanced nursing roles** that require a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), including *nurse practitioner*, *nurse midwife*, or *clinical nurse leader*.

GREATER ELIGIBILITY FOR AVAILABLE JOBS

In a recent study of 187,000 nursing job ads posted over a 90-day period, RNs with a diploma or ADN were eligible for 51% of these jobs while candidates that held a BSN were eligible for 88%.

BETTER CARE

Research by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) shows that patients in the care of nurses with a BSN have better outcomes, including lower rates of mortality.

INCREASED EARNING POTENTIAL

Nurses with BSN degrees see increased earning potential compared to their peers who are RNs with a diploma or ADN. Here are some comparisons:

- With between one to four years' experience, the median salary for RNs with an ADN is \$61,360. BSNs with the same level of experience earn \$8,337 more, with a median salary of \$69,697
- BSN clinical supervisors earn a median salary of \$70,787
- BSN clinical managers earn a median salary of \$80,418

BSN DEGREES MAY SOON BE REQUIRED

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommends that the number of nurses with a BSN increase from 50% to 80% by 2020.

- Many hospitals and other medical facilities are strongly encouraging ADN-prepared RNs to earn their BSN within five years of graduation.

DUAL DEGREE OPTION (BA/BS + BSN)

at Hollins University and Shenandoah University's Eleanor W. Custer School of Nursing

You can earn a bachelor's degree at Hollins University while preparing for admission to the accelerated BSN program at Shenandoah University's Eleanor W. Custer School of Nursing (EWCSO), located in both Winchester and Leesburg, Virginia. EWCSO grants priority admission to their accelerated BSN program at each campus for Hollins students that successfully fulfill admission requirements.

ADVANTAGES OF THE HOLLINS + EWCSO ACCELERATED BSN

- Many Hollins courses satisfy requirements for the BSN, allowing you to complete the additional requirement in just 16 months
- Upon successful completion you will have two degrees, one from Hollins and one from SU in just five and one-half years
- Greater flexibility in future career paths
 - If you decide not to pursue nursing after Hollins, you will still have a college degree
 - If you decide you want to change careers from nursing, you have another degree
- You have the possibility of combining your other interests with nursing and potentially increasing your career options. Examples include:
 - B.A. in business + BSN for administrative roles
 - B.S. in psychology + BSN for working with a particular population (e.g. children, elderly, mental health nurse)
 - Hollins education program + BSN for nurse education
 - B.A. or minor in a second language for working with non-English speaking populations

SOURCES AND HELPFUL LINKS

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

<https://www.aacnnursing.org/>

Nurse Journal

<https://nursejournal.org/bsn-degree/bsn-degree-rn-differences/>

Shenandoah University EWCSO

<https://www.su.edu/nursing/bachelor-of-science-in-nursing/bsn-accelerated-second-degree/>

* EveryNurse.org



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