

NURSING

From Study to Skills

The Rutgers School of Nursing–Camden combines professional study, clinical experiences, and research opportunities with a comprehensive arts and sciences education leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Two tracks to the baccalaureate degree are offered at Rutgers–Camden: a four-year pre-licensure track and a post-licensure track for registered nurses (RNs). The nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (NJSBN).

Within nursing there are separate specialties of registered nurses. These include, but are not limited to: hospital nurses who provide care to patients in hospitals and health institutions, private duty nurses who contract to provide nursing care for patients in the patient's home or health care agencies; community health nurses who work for town or city government and instruct families on good health techniques; physician's office nurses who help doctors with the examination and treatment of patients in an office setting; and school nurses who plan, implement, and evaluate a school's health program. As our life expectancy and population rates increase, the demand for health care has grown. A great way to increase your marketability is through internships, work experience, good grades, and college/ community service activities.

Related Fields: Allied Health Professions, Biology, Business, Education, Medicine, Social Work

Skills and Abilities

Analytical Thinking- Students will learn to analyze situations and make decisions, examine and interpret material, identify cause-effect relationships, develop care plans, make professional judgment in clinical situations, and develop problem solving skills.

Communication Skills- Students will develop the ability to interact with sensitivity to others of various backgrounds, to answer questions and offer advice, to work as part of a team, to control emotion, and utilize excellent communication and observation skills.

Behavioral Skills- Students will adapt to changing and fast-paced environments, recall information from past experiences, create a safe environment and respond appropriately to conflict, and practice time management, good judgment, and organization.

Research Skills- Students will utilize mathematical skills, gross and fine motor abilities, sophisticated equipment, and a thorough knowledge of anatomy, health, and disease.

What Careers Are Available For Nursing Majors

The following are samples of first jobs of Rutgers-Camden Nursing majors:

Care Manager, Wells Care Inc.

Home Care Coordinator, Bayada Nurses

Rehabilitation Nurse, Kessler Institute

School Nurse, Camden City School District

Registered or Staff Nurse at:

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Cooper University Hospital

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

Kennedy Health Systems

Thomas Jefferson Hospital

Underwood Memorial Hospital

Virtua Hospital

Graduate School Options

While many Nursing majors choose to go directly into the workplace after graduation, others will decide to pursue a graduate degree. Rutgers- Camden Nursing majors have earned Master's and Doctorate level degrees in Nursing in addition to degrees outside of biology. These degrees include the Allied Health Professions, Business, Education, Law, and Social Work. Graduate nursing specialties include the nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, and the clinical nurse specialist who works with patients groups in a specialized area, such as pediatrics, diabetes, or infectious disease control.

Resources

Consider joining a professional organization such as:

American Nurses Association

www.ana.org

International Council of Nurses

www.icn.ch

National Association of School Nurses

www.nasn.org

Visit Raptor Link for internship opportunities in your field of interest.

Connect with professionals in fields that interest you on LinkedIn.

Assist a faculty member with their research.

Join a student group: **Nursing Student Association, The American Medical Students Association, or Student Health Advocates.**

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