

Nursing Information Session



The Profession of Nursing

- ❑ 2.6 million RNs in the U.S.
- ❑ Nation's largest health care profession
- ❑ Blend of science & technology
- ❑ Art of caring & compassion



Opportunities for Employment

- ❑ Hospitals
- ❑ Long-term care centers
- ❑ Community health clinics
- ❑ Outpatient & surgery centers
- ❑ Medical offices



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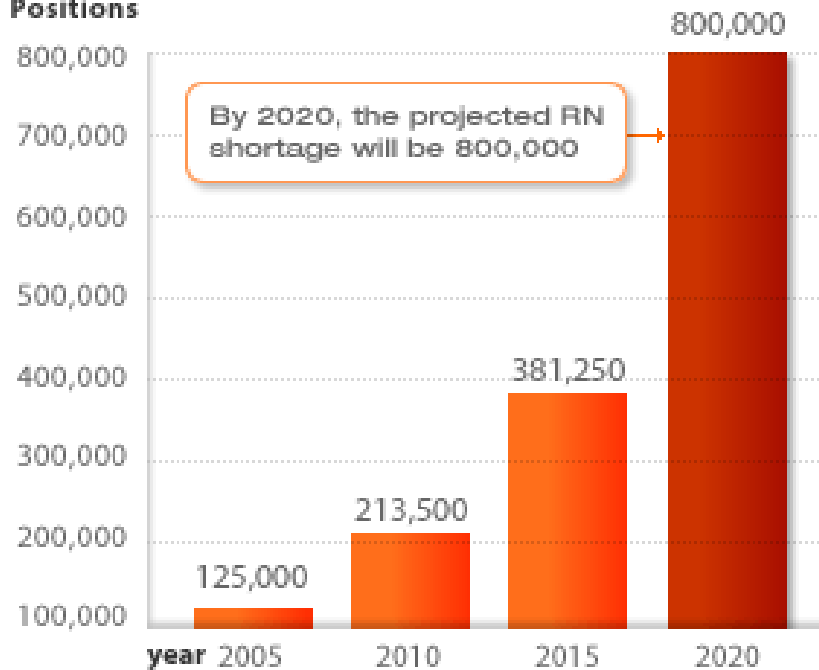
- Home health care
- Nursing schools (higher education)
- Corporate health centers
- Insurance & managed care companies
- Hospital regulators (surveys & inspections)
- Other companies (pharmaceutical, medical technology, & others)
- Research centers (research nursing)
- Schools (including K-12, university clinics)
- Military

Profession in Demand

Number of Projected Open RN Positions

United States 2005-2020

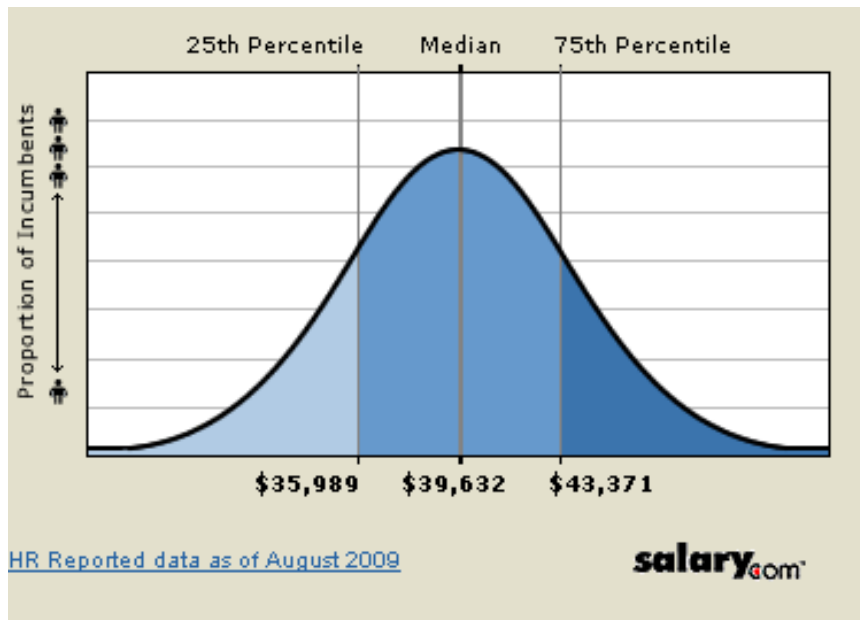
Open RN
Positions



Source: Peter Buerhaus, JAMA 2000

Average Salary Ranges

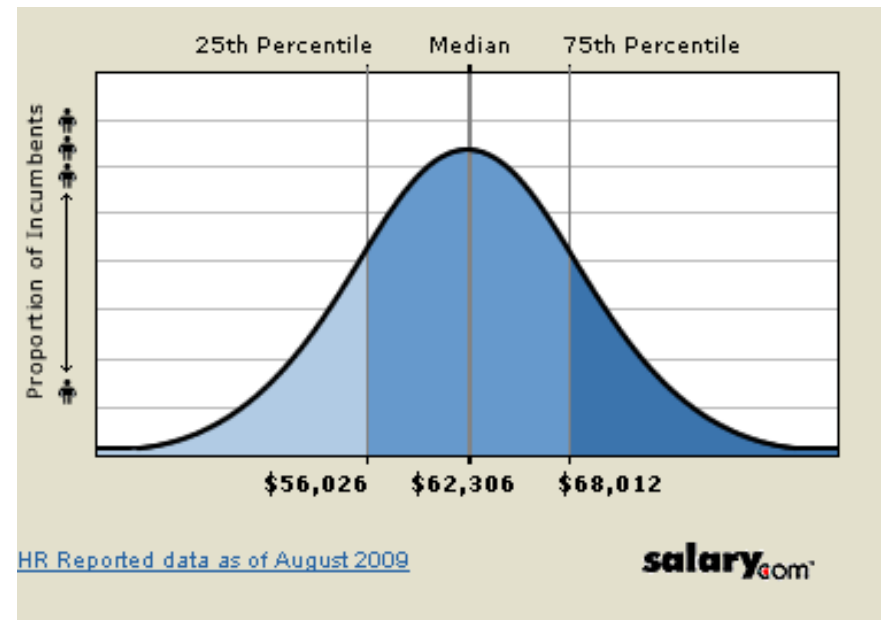
LVN



Licensed Practical Nurse	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile
the United States	\$35,989	\$39,632	\$43,371
Houston, TX	\$37,141	\$40,900	\$44,758

IMPORTANT: Your pay can be dramatically affected by compensable factors such as employer size, industry, employee credentials, years of experience and others.

RN



Staff Nurse - RN	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile
the United States	\$56,026	\$62,306	\$68,012
Houston, TX	\$57,819	\$64,300	\$70,188

IMPORTANT: Your pay can be dramatically affected by compensable factors such as employer size, industry, employee credentials, years of experience and others.

Nurses need:

- ❑ Sound academic history
- ❑ Computer literacy
- ❑ Aptitude for science-based courses
- ❑ Leadership & organizational skills
- ❑ People skills
- ❑ Patience
- ❑ Flexibility
- ❑ Compassion for sick & injured people



Nurses need:

- ❑ Problem-solving skills
- ❑ Ability to multi-task
- ❑ A sense of humor
- ❑ Ability to stay calm in a crisis



LSCS Nursing Programs

- ❑ Certified Nursing Assistant (continuing education department)
- ❑ Vocational Nursing
- ❑ Associate Degree Nursing (Basic Track)
- ❑ LVN to RN Transition Program
- ❑ Paramedic to RN Transition Program

Getting Started at Lone Star College System

- Apply to the College (online at <https://webapps1.lonestar.edu/soap/>) or in the C Building, 1st Floor (Student Services)
- Unless you have already taken college Math and English classes or tests that provide placement information in Reading, Writing, and Math, you will need to schedule to take the ASSET, ACCUPLACER, COMPASS, or THEA

Meet Math Requirement for Nursing at LSCS

- ❑ LVN = completion of MATH 0308 or higher math course with a C or better or placement above that level on an approved placement test (THEA, ASSET, ACCUPLACER, COMPASS)
- ❑ RN (both Transition and Basic Track) = completion of MATH 0310 or higher math course with a C or better or placement above that level on an approved placement test

LVN Program

- ❑ 1 Year (12 month) Certificate Program
- ❑ Eligible to Test for LVN licensure with State of Texas after graduation
- ❑ May start
LSC-Montgomery
APPLY ONLINE BEGINNING - 11/15/11
DEADLINE - 2/1/12
- ❑ August start
LSC-Kingwood & LSC-CyFair
- ❑ January start
LSC-Tomball



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LVN Program

□ Admission Criteria

1. High School Graduate or GED
2. Minimum HS (within 3 years) or college cum. GPA of 2.0; Minimum LSCS GPA of 2.0.
3. Complete SSI Requirements in Math, Reading, and Writing (for Math = Math 0308 or higher completed or test scores above that level; for English = eligible to enroll in ENGL 1301 or at college-level)

LVN Program

- ❑ LVN Applicants will need to have completed an Anatomy & Physiology Pre-requisite Course prior to the application deadline.
- ❑ This requirement can be met by having a C or better in the past 5 years in one of the following:
 - BIOL 2404
 - Or
 - BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402 (averaged together)

LVN Program

- Applicants will be ranked according to:
 1. HESI scores (Engl Language Composite)
 2. GPA of BIOL 2404 or 2401/2402 (combined)

Associate Degree Nursing Program (Basic Track)

- ❑ 2 Year Program (from start date)
- ❑ Eligible to Test for RN Licensure with State of Texas after graduation
- ❑ January start
LSC-Kingwood & LSC-CyFair
- ❑ August start
LSC-North Harris, LSC-Cy Fair, LSC-Tomball & LSC-Montgomery
APPLY ONLINE BEGINNING – Jan.
each yr.
DEADLINE – Usually 3/1 of each year



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Associate Degree Nursing Program (Basic Track)

- ❑ Complete SSI Requirements + at least MATH 0310 with a C or better (or test above that level of MATH)
- ❑ Minimum GPA of 2.5 in all ADN coursework (general education courses taken)
- ❑ 3 courses - absolute prerequisites:
 1. BIOL 2401
 2. PSYC 2301
 3. ENGL 1301

Associate Degree Nursing Program (Basic Track)

- ❑ Additional course which may be taken in advance and will apply to the Basic Track Nursing Degree Plan (does not affect the applicant's chances of being selected for the program):
RNSG 1301 Pharmacology
- ❑ If accepted into the program, students will be required to take RNSG 1172 during Summer prior to beginning the nursing program in the Fall semester. Students with current healthcare certification (i.e. current CNA) or past high school health occupations studies may be exempt from this course. Upon acceptance into the program, discuss your possible exemption with the nursing department.

LVN to RN Transition Program

Paramedic to RN Transition Program

- ❑ 1 Year (12 month) Program (from start date)
- ❑ Eligible to test for RN Licensure with State of Texas after graduation
- ❑ June start
LSC-Montgomery, LSC-North Harris, & LSC-Tomball
ONLINE APPLICATION AVAILABLE – Jan. each year
DEADLINE – Usually March 1 each year
- ❑ August start
LSC-Kingwood



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Transition Program

- ❑ Meet the SSI Requirements
- ❑ 2.5 Minimum GPA in General Education courses taken in the ADN degree plan
- ❑ 6 Prerequisites:

BIOL 2401	PSYC 2314
BIOL 2402	ENGL 1301
PSYC 2301	RNSG 1301

Transition Program

- ❑ BIOL 2420 & SOCI 1301 must be completed prior to Fall of year student starts transition program (take them at the latest during the Summer of the year of acceptance into the program).
- ❑ The remainder of the general education courses (KINE, Fine Arts/Humanities Elective, & SPCH 1318/1311) must be completed prior to graduation.

Additional Notes

- ❑ All classes (in order to count in selection criteria or ranking) must be completed prior to the application deadline (not currently in progress).
- ❑ Fine Arts/ Humanities List has changed (make sure you look at the new list for 2012 applicants).
- ❑ All 3 nursing programs require that you take the HESI Pre-Entrance Test. These scores are used in the ranking of applicants.
- ❑ HESI sections required to take : Basic Math, Anatomy & Physiology, Reading Comprehension, Grammar, and Vocabulary & General Knowledge.

Additional Notes

- ❑ HESI must be taken at least one week prior to the application deadline.
- ❑ HESI may be taken once every 60 days if student desires (system-wide). If a student chooses to retest, they must do so on all 5 sections of the HESI.
- ❑ HESI scores must not be over 1 year old by the application deadline in order to be used.
- ❑ If you choose to retest, your most recent score will be used for your application score (all sections).

Additional Notes

- ❑ Candidates for Texas nursing licensure must do electronic fingerprinting via Texas Board of Nursing(BON) approved facility. This fingerprinting will go to the BON for FBI background check.
- ❑ Individuals with histories of felony convictions, mental illness and/or chemical dependency will be considered on an individual basis after review by the Texas BON.
- ❑ Students (or non-students) should start a declaratory (<http://bon.state.tx.us/olv/pdfs/DOapp.pdf>) ASAP if they know there is an issue. The declaratory process can take up to one year, and must be completed in order to be accepted into the nursing program.

Additional Notes

- ❑ Some nursing programs on some campuses now require a pre-admission drug screening. The students will be responsible for the cost of the test. The nursing program will determine the day and which company will do the drug screening.
- ❑ All nursing applicants should begin making arrangements to start their Hepatitis B vaccinations, since this series of injections typically takes 5-6 months and will be required before entry into the clinical component of any allied health program.

English Proficiency: TOOEFL or IELTS Requirements for the Nursing Programs

Starting in the Spring 2011 Nursing Application Period, all alternate and accepted students into the ADN & LVN programs must provide proof of English proficiency if they completed high school outside the USA. Provide proof by submitting one of the following:

English Proficiency

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- ❑ Test of English as a foreign language (TOEFL) with score of 530 or higher on a paper exam, 197 or higher on a computer exam and 71 or higher on an internet based exam.
- ❑ International English Language (IELTS) Academic test with an overall score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in all of the four modules of the academic test.
- ❑ Nursing web site contains more information

English Proficiency

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OR

- ❑ Proving documentation of graduation from high school/college/university from an English speaking country such as Canada (other than Quebec), Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland

TOEFL: English Proficiency

Requirements for the Nursing Programs

- ❑ Information and registration for the TOEFL can be found at: <http://www.ets.org/toefl>
- ❑ There are books to help prepare for the TOEFL test at:
<http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/prepare>
- ❑ Visa Status for persons who are not U.S. citizens: keep looking for new information on this on the nursing website.