



ALLIED HEALTH

Registered Nursing (RN)

Careers

Registered nurses (RNs) provide care to patients, families and communities and also work to promote health, prevent disease and help patients cope with illness. Registered nurses may work in hospitals, physicians' private offices, nursing homes, clinics, schools, work sites and in patients' homes under the direction of such health professionals as physicians, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists and others.

When providing direct care, registered nurses observe, assess and record symptoms, reactions and progress; work with physicians to diagnose and treat disease; and assist in convalescence and rehabilitation.

Registered nurses also develop and manage nursing care; instruct patients and their families in proper care; and help individuals and groups take steps to improve or maintain their health. Registered nurses are members of a profession and work diligently to uphold the standards of the profession.

Registered nurses are caring and compassionate; are able to accept responsibility and direct, delegate to and/or supervise others; are able to follow orders precisely; and are able to determine when consultation is required. All nurses are patient advocates and health educators.

Job Outlook

Overall job opportunities for registered nurses are expected to be excellent, but may vary by employment and geographic setting. Employment of RNs is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2016 and, because the occupation is very large, many new jobs will result. In fact, registered nurses are projected to generate 587,000 new jobs, among the largest number of new jobs for any occupation. Additionally, hundreds of thousands of job openings will result from the need to replace experienced nurses who leave the occupation. Growth will be driven by technological advances in patient care, which permit a greater number of health problems to be treated, and by an increasing emphasis on preventive care. In addition, the number of older people, who are much more likely than younger people to need nursing care, is projected to grow rapidly.

Earnings

Median annual earnings of registered nurses (includes Associate degree holders and those with advanced degrees) were \$57,280 in May 2006. The middle 50 percent earned between \$47,710 and \$69,850. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$40,250, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$83,440.

LCCC Has the Programs!

LCCC offers a variety of programs in health care. We can provide the degree you want to match the job you want. We offer certificate programs that may be completed in as little time as one year, and we also offer associate's degree programs that can be completed in two years of full-time study. These associate's degrees offer dual opportunity: They may be used by students seeking immediate employment upon graduation in a number of health fields; or they may be used for direct transfer into a bachelor degree program in allied health offered through the University Partnership at LCCC. And, LCCC nursing programs may be used for direct transfer into the bachelor of science in nursing and master of science in nursing programs offered through the University Partnership. For more information on educational opportunities in health care — and nursing — at LCCC, see the reverse side of this sheet.



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Educational Opportunities in Registered Nursing at LCCC

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

This program prepares graduates to function as registered nurses in hospitals, nursing homes and other health care agencies. Registered nurses promote health for clients through hygienic care, teaching; assessment of body systems; implementation of the nursing process, including treatment modalities offered by the physician; and rehabilitative care. Upon completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to take the NCLEX examination for licensure as a registered nurse.

Related Educational Opportunities in Other Health-Care Programs at LCCC

- Certificate of proficiency in emergency medical services-paramedic
- Certificate of proficiency in medical assisting
- Certificate of proficiency in phlebotomy
- Associate of applied science in clinical laboratory science technology
- Associate of applied science in dental hygiene
- Associate of applied science in diagnostic medical sonography
- Associate of applied science in physical therapist assisting
- Associate of applied science in radiologic technology
- Associate of technical studies in nuclear medicine
- Associate of science (leading to programs such as pre-dentistry, pre-med, pre-optometry and pre-pharmacy)

Educational Opportunities in Nursing through LCCC's University Partnership

The University of Akron

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The University of Akron's nursing program prepares students to provide patient care, to direct others in giving care and to become members of comprehensive health care teams. Professional nurses also teach health care, prepare discharge plans and make referrals that can aid patients and their families. Nursing graduates work in hospitals, urgent care centers and community-based public health agencies and clinics, and provide in-home care to patients. With a combination of experience and education, Akron nursing graduates can obtain employment as clinical specialists in a variety of areas.

Master of Science in Nursing

For registered nurses who have diplomas or associate degrees in nursing and who aspire to the master of science in nursing, the University of Akron offers the RN-MSN sequence. Students complete 68 hours of prerequisite undergraduate coursework. The RN-MSN sequence consists of bridge coursework totaling 21 hours of upper-division, baccalaureate-level coursework and a minimum of 36 hours of graduate-level coursework. Students receive 46 hours of undergraduate by-passed credit after successful completion of all undergraduate course requirements.

Master of Science in Nursing

Nursing education at the master's level builds upon baccalaureate nursing preparation. Program courses and content are organized and courses sequenced to facilitate the progression of student learning from that of a baccalaureate generalist to that of a specialist. The curriculum has two dimensions: core and specialization. Core courses are taken by all students and include theory, research, health policy, computer applications and pathophysiology.

Youngstown State University

Bachelor of Science in Allied Health

Associate degree nursing graduates who wish to upgrade their academic credentials beyond the technical scope can enroll in Youngstown State University's bachelor's degree in allied health program, a two-plus-two concept which allows the associate nursing degree program to serve as the first two years of the baccalaureate-degree program. Students acquire the additional knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that enhance their career mobility in the health-care setting.

About Lorain County Community College

Lorain County Community College is one of Ohio's leading colleges delivering distance learning education via the Internet. The College has expanded its delivery of its programs and services through the opening of the Learning Center at St. Joseph Community Center in Lorain, the LCCC Wellington Center, Lorain County Growth Partnership in downtown Elyria and the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick. Partnerships with Lorain County's K-12 school districts have also led to important developments for the community. More than 1300 high school students participate in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options program by enrolling in LCCC classes, making LCCC the state's largest community college provider of PSEO. More than 35 percent of Lorain County's top high school graduates choose to attend LCCC.

LCCC is one of Ohio's fastest growing colleges because of the variety of learning opportunities it provides. Students can choose from more than 80 educational programs. Students can complete the first half — and sometimes more — of a bachelor's degree. The University Partnership brings eight universities to the LCCC campus offering 37 bachelor's and master's degree programs. With the University Partnership at LCCC, the College partners with the state's finest universities to bring the best in bachelor's and master's degree programs right to the LCCC campus. Students can earn degrees that get them jobs immediately. Students can upgrade, retrain and improve current life skills. Students can learn in the classroom, at home and over the Internet.

LCCC offers a complete college experience. We understand that there's more to college life than attending classes. We offer many of the programs, sports, and activities available at large four-year universities and colleges. But, students will not have to stand in line behind juniors and seniors in the classroom, on the playing field, or in leadership positions. Students can immediately act in a play, sing in a musical group, serve as editor for the college newspaper, plan social activities, compete on the playing field, or set policy as a student government member.

In addition to providing a great education for those who enter college with aspirations of a degree, LCCC helps those who have changed their career goals, who want to broaden their horizons, and who want to return to work. LCCC provides learning and training for those who want to move up but find they need new or improved skills for the kind of professional opportunities they seek.

LCCC faculty is recognized locally and nationally for their work as professors and in other areas. They all have advanced degrees and real-world experience and understand their primary responsibility at LCCC is to teach classes. Classes are small. Individual attention is plentiful.

An LCCC education, prepares students for real jobs and real futures. To find out more, call (800) 995-LCCC or visit LCCC's Connections Center, the Learning Center at St. Joseph Community Center in Lorain, the LCCC Learning Center in Wellington, the Lorain County Growth Partnership in downtown Elyria or the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick for all of your enrollment service needs, including admissions, registration, advising and counseling.



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