

Nursing EXPO Q and A 2020

Q: Are there age requirements to become a certified nurses aid?

A: The age varies between 16-18 years old. See the link below for more information and check with your local Red Cross who will do training.

<https://www.cnalicense.org/requirements/>

Q: When I graduate from high school can I enter nursing school right away?

A: Yes you can! You will need to explore and decide what program works for you. See all of the schools and programs available to you from LPN (Practical nursing) through Associate degree RN and Bachelors prepared RN.

Q: Do you feel like all the school & money spent to get into the medical field was worth it?

A: Yes, but everyone's educational path is different. It depends on private vs. public school and the costs vary widely. If you receive grants, scholarships and awards it can greatly decrease your out of pocket costs or loans. The field of nursing is resilient. We work through financial downturns and like the COVID-19 pandemic we make valuable contributions in the lives of patients. If you are a nurse, you will always have a job.

Q: Does nursing education really leave you deep in debt?

A: It is extremely important to always know and plan for the cost of your education. Taking on large debt in any field is not advised. You need to plan for the years you are in school, calculate if you are able to work and earn money along the way and not ask for any additional monies you will not need. With careful planning you can minimize your debt. Work with your guidance counselors to find out what scholarship opportunities exist in your school district, your town and in the state.

Q: I have heard about something called pre-nursing tests like TEAS. I have not found any undergrad nursing programs yet that require this type of test.

A: TEAS = Test of Essential Academic Skills. This may be used as an admission requirement for some nursing or allied health programs. It is important to know what is required for admission to whatever program/school you apply to. Check directly with each school so you can plan. Here is a link to TEAS https://atitesting.com/teas-prep?gclid=CjwKCAjwvtX0BRAFEiwAGWJyZE9smCaZpM6hR2Gs_1vmaxug9QnKvvfnHbSPjP5TQzlongXO0NDH7xoCufwQAvD_BwE