A career in nursing allows you to be at the center of patient care. There are many fields to specialize in such as pediatrics, maternity, emergency, cardiac, acute care, geriatrics, psychiatric, and oncology to name a few. You can work in a variety of settings such as hospitals, primary care, nursing homes, outpatient clinics, schools, community health centers and many others. If you are considering to advance in your career as a nurse manager, practitioner, or administrator you will need an advanced degree such as a Master’s in Nursing, or DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice).

**COMMON EMPLOYERS**

- Hospitals
- Outpatient Clinics
- Nursing Homes
- Community Health Centers
- School/Universities
- Primary Care offices
- Correctional Facilities

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
- American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- American Nurses Association
- American Telemedicine Association
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing
- Nursing Society

**STRATEGIES ON ENTERING THE FIELD**

- Many nurses will work rotating shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays so you must be prepared for this type of schedule.
- Gain experience as a CNA, EMT, or Direct Care Professional. The majority of employers want to see some kind of experience other than clinical rotations on your resume. This shows commitment to the field and profession.