Nursing Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

**Major:** Nursing (B.S.)
**Tracks:** RN to Baccalaureate Track (for Registered Nurses); 4-Year Track
**Department Website:** http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/nursing

**Major Highlights:**
Professional nurses provide direct care to individuals and work with others in a variety of settings to address the health needs of individuals, families, and communities. The practice of nursing aims to help people of all ages experience optimal health. Respect for human dignity and a commitment to caring are essential to nursing practice. Expectations of the baccalaureate nursing graduate include professional growth and scholarly approaches to practice. The profession of nursing provides opportunities for graduates to assume many roles in a variety of clinical areas. A baccalaureate degree in Nursing also provides a foundation for graduate study and further specialization. The program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The program has two tracks, the RN to Baccalaureate Track and the 4-Year Track. The RN to Baccalaureate Track serves registered nurses who live and work in various geographical areas. Courses are offered in block schedules, and some components are offered on the Internet and on-campus. Students may enroll in liberal education courses and selected Nursing courses prior to being admitted to the Nursing major. The 4-Year Track serves students who are entering Bemidji State University as freshmen and are seeking a baccalaureate nursing education that will prepare them to take the NCLEX RN exam after graduation.

**Employment Areas:**
The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" reports that registered nurses held about 2.6 million jobs in 2008. Hospitals employed the majority of RNs, with 60 percent of such jobs. About 8 percent of jobs were in offices of physicians, 5 percent in home healthcare services, 5 percent in nursing care facilities, and 3 percent in employment services. The remainder worked mostly in government agencies, social assistance agencies, and educational services.

**Projected Demand for Nursing Majors in Minnesota:**
MNCareers reports that the job outlook for RN's is excellent. Registered Nurses are needed in all types of settings, especially those with specialized skills. The average income reported was $33.40 per hour for Minnesota’s 55,730 RNs.

**Projected Demand for Nursing Majors Nationwide:**
The DISCOVER guidance system reports that the nationwide demand for registered nurses is growing rapidly, with a 2.3% expected growth rate per year. The average starting salary reported was $51,000 annually in 2009. The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" reports that the job opportunities are expected to be excellent, and employment is expected to grow much faster than average through 2016, and, because the occupation is very large, many new jobs will result. Median annual wages of registered nurses were $62,450 in May 2008.

**Placement Information for Nursing Graduates:**
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University nursing graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2008-2009 nursing graduates, 100% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, furthering their education, unavailable, or had unknown status.

**A Partial List of Employers Who Have Hired BSU Nursing Graduates:**

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Beltrami County
Bemidji State University
Brainerd Lakes Surgery Center
Clearwater County Nursing Services
Cloquet Community Memorial Hospital
Cook Community Hospital
Crow Wing County Health Department
DaVita Central Tulsa Dialysis Center
Deer River Health Care Center
Deer River Home Care
Diamond Willow Assisted Living
Douglas County Hospital
Evergreen Terrace
Evergreen Terrace
Fairview Range Regional Health Services
Fairview University Medical Center
Falls Good Samaritan Home
Falls Memorial Hospital
Falls Memorial Hospital
First District Health Unit
FMC Spirit Valley
Golden Living Center
Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital
Heathline Home Care
Hibbing Hospital
Hibbing Hospital
ISD 362
ISD 99 & ISD 104
Itasca Community College
Itasca Community College
Itasca Medical Center
Itasca Memorial Center
Lake Country Regional Hospital
Lake Superior College
LakeWood Health Center
Lakewood Health System
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Leech Lake Reservation
Mercy Hospital/Fond du Lac Comm College
MeritCare Clinic
Miller Dwan Medical Center
Miller Dwan Medical Center
Miller Dwan Medical Center
Mission Health Care
MN State Colleges & Universities
North Country Health Services
North Country Regional Hospital
North Country Regional Hospital
North Country Regional Hospital
North Country Regional Hospital
North Country Regional Hospital
North Country Regional Hospital
North Country Regional Hospital
North Valley Public Health
Northwest Medical Center
Northwest Technical College
Oakland Park Nursing Home
PHS-Indian Health Services
Regency Homehealth
Riverwood Healthcare Center

Public Health Nurse
Adjunct Instructor
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse/PHN
Registered Nurse, House Supervisor
Registered Nurse
Public Health Nurse
Hemodialysis Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse Director
Registered Nurse
Nurse Manager
Director of Nursing
Special Projects Nurse
Clinic Nurse Supervisor
Registered Nurse
Director of Social Services
Registered Nurse
Nurse Manager
Registered Nurse/Public Health Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Emergency Room Nurse
Registered Nurse
School Nurse
Health Occupations Teacher
NA/HHA Coordinator
Clinical Nursing Instructor
Nurse
RN Supervisor
Staff Registered Nurse
Register Nurse – Instructor
Registered Nurse
Director of Nursing
Public Health Nurse
Clinic Manager
Staff Nurse/Nursing Instructor
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse/Nursing Supervisor
Registered Nurse
Staff Registered Nurse
Director of Health Services
Tech College Faculty
Registered Nurse
BSN, Registered Nurse
Director-Management
Clinical Coordinator
ICU Nurse
Registered Nurse
Utilization Management Coordinator
Public Health Nurse-MCH Coordinator
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse-Case Manager
Registered Nurse

Bemidji, MN
Bemidji, MN
Brainerd, MN
Bagley, MN
Cloquet, MN
Cook, MN
Brainerd, MN
Tulsa, OK
Deer River, MN
Deer River, MN
Grand Rapids, MN
Alexandria, MN
Grand Rapids, MN
Grand Rapids, MN
International Falls, MN
Duluth, MN
International Falls, MN
Minot, ND
Duluth, MN
Walker, MN
Grand Rapids, MN
Hibbing, MN
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Littlefork, MN
Duluth, MN
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Bemidji, MN
Duluth, MN
Baudette, MN
Staples, MN
Cass Lake, MN
Bena, MN
Moose Lake/Cloquet, MN
Bemidji, MN
Duluth, MN
Duluth, MN
Duluth, MN
Grand Rapids, MN
Warren, MN
Thief River Falls, MN
Bemidji, MN
Thief River Falls, MN
Red Lake, MN
Duluth, MN
Aitkin, MN
A Partial List of Employers Who Have Hired BSU Nursing Graduates (Continued):

- RMHC  Health Coordinator  Virginia, MN
- Roseau Area Hospital  Hospice Coordinator  Roseau, MN
- Roseau Area Hospital & Homes  Registered Nurse  Greenbush, MN
- Roseau Area Hospital & Homes, Inc.  Quality Coordinator  Roseau, MN
- Roseau Hospital  Nurse  Roseau, MN
- SMDC Health System  Registered Nurse  Duluth, MN
- St. Cloud Hospital  Nurse  St Cloud, MN
- St. Cloud Surgical Center  Registered Nurse  St. Cloud, MN
- St. David’s Medical Center  Registered Nurse-Neuro Science  Austin, TX
- St. Josephs Area Health Services  Med/Surg Supervisor  Park Rapids, MN
- St. Joseph's Area Health Services  Registered Nurse  Park Rapids, MN
- St. Joseph's Hospital  Community Health  Park Rapids, MN
- St. Joseph's Medical Center  Registered Nurse  Brainerd, MN
- St. Luke's Hospital  Registered Nurse  Duluth, MN
- St. Mary's Duluth Clinic  Nurse Clinician  Duluth, MN
- St. Mary's Hospital  Hospice Nurse  Duluth, MN
- St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic  Registered Nurse  Duluth, MN
- St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic  Sr. Specialist/Risk Management  Duluth, MN
- Stadter Center  Charge Nurse-Psych Unit  Grand Forks, ND
- State of Minnesota  Staff RN  Walker, MN
- Tri-County Hospital  Registered Nurse  Wadena, MN
- UMCM  Registered Nurse-Patient Care Facilitator  Hibbing, MN
- University Medical Center-Mesabi  Patient Care Facilitator  Hibbing, MN
- University Medical Center-Mesabi  Registered Nurse  Hibbing, MN
- US Navy  Staff RN  Bethesda, MD
- Villa St. Vincent Nursing Home  Registered Nurse  Crookston, MN
- Virginia Hospital  Registered Nurse  Virginia, MN
- Virginia Range Medical Center  Case Management  Virginia, MN
- Virginia Regional Medical Center  Registered Nurse  Virginia, MN
- Wadena County Public Health Department  Public Health Nurse  Wadena, MN
- Wilkin County Public Health  Public Health Nurse  Breckenridge, MN

Colleges and Universities Where BSU Psychology Graduates Have Gone to Continue Their Education:

- College of Saint Scholastica, Duluth, MN  University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

**Note 1:** Some of the above job/career titles require advanced degrees or specialized training.

**Note 2:** Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

**Note 3:** Personal Competencies: it is also recommended that individuals be competent in a variety of communication methods, and computer skills are a must.

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