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Nursing Career Outlook 2014-2015

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 2,711,500 jobs in 2012. Hospitals employed the majority of RNs, with 61 percent of such jobs. About 7 percent of jobs were in offices of physicians, 6 percent in home healthcare services, and 7 percent in nursing care facilities. 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 hiring is high for those with specialized skills. The median income reported is $34.00 per hour for Minnesota's 57,260 RNs.

PROJECTED DEMAND FOR NURSING MAJORS NATIONWIDE:
Focus™2 reports that the nationwide demand for community health nurses is expected to grow faster than average through 2022 due to the increasing population and growth of the older age groups, with people established in their career generally earning between $52,520 and $77,970 per year. The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" reports that median wage for a registered nurse was $65,950 in May 2011, with 26% growth in the field from 2010-2020.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR NURSING GRADUATES:
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Nursing graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2012-2013 Nursing graduates, 90.9% 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.

LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU NURSING GRADUATES: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

1st Choice Pediatric
Abbott Northwestern
Accurate Home Care
Alaska Native Medical Center
Allina
Altru Health Systems
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse
Minneapolis, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Anchorage, AK
Minneapolis, MN
Grand Forks, ND
Virginia Regional Medical Center Virginia, MN
Wadena County Public Health Department Wadena, MN
Whispering Pines Assisted Living Anoka, MN
White Earth Tribal Health White Earth, MN
Wilkin County Public Health Breckenridge, MN
Wright County Human Services Buffalo, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU NURSING GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids, MN
Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
Central Lakes College, Brainerd, MN
College of Saint Scholastica, Duluth, MN
Metropolitan State University, St Paul, MN
North Hennepin Community College, Brooklyn Park, MN
St. Cloud Technical and Community College, St. Cloud, MN
University Of North Dakota-Main Campus, Grand Forks, ND
Walden University, Minneapolis, MN
Winona State University, Winona, MN

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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http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/