



Questions you should ask about a nursing program before you apply!

1. **IS** the nursing program approved/accredited, by
State level - required
 - A. The West Virginia Board of Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses
- All nursing programs must be approved by the State Board of Nursing**National level** – not required but highly recommended, both are equally desirable
 - B. CCNE – Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (BSN and graduate programs)
or, the
 - C. NLNAC – National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (Diploma, ADN, BSN and graduate programs)
2. **WHAT** are the graduation rates?
 - A. What percentage of students entering the program graduated from the nursing program? **75% - 100% currently in WV**
3. **WHAT** is the percent of job placement?
 - A. How many of the students graduating had job offers within 3 – 6 months following graduation? **85% - 100% currently in WV**
4. **WHAT** is the licensure (NCLEX) pass rate?
 - A. How many of the students sitting for the RN exam to become registered nurses, actually passed the first time taking the exam?
Minimum West Virginia State Board requirement is 80%
5. **HOW** did the students rate their satisfaction with the program?
80% satisfied to very satisfied and/or 96% good to very good
6. **What** is the application process?
7. **What** is the admissions deadline?
8. **Are** the credits you earn transferable?
After you complete your degree are the credits you earned transferable to another school of nursing if you want to further your education.



9. **What** is the number of students accepted versus the number that were qualified?
Schools of nursing receive more applications from potential students than they are able to accept. You are encouraged to apply to a number of schools. In addition, you are encouraged to perform well in your pre-nursing courses to improve your chances of being accepted.
10. **What** pre-licensure programs do you offer?
Nursing schools may offer Associate Degree (2 years), Baccalaureate Degree (4 years) programs or both, BA - BSN, or LPN – BSN.