Highline Community College does not offer a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. However, you can complete many of the pre-requisite courses at Highline. Every effort has been made to provide current and accurate publication content. Always verify the admission information with your intended university.

**What does a Registered Nurse do?**

Registered Nurses (RN's) work to promote health and to help patients cope with illness. Nurses generally work with patients in hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes. They work in public health facilities such as government agencies and schools. They also take care of patients in their homes as they recover from illness or accidents. Hospital nurses observe patients and carry out medical treatments using computerized equipment to monitor patients' vital signs. Office nurses prepare patients for exams and check vital signs and assist doctors with exams when requested. Public health nurses work to improve the overall health of communities by providing health care, first aid, shots and screenings. Major employers of nurses are: hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and other personal care facilities, as well as home health care services.

In Washington, the average entry level wage for registered nurses is $4,718 per month ($27.22 per hour) (WOIS).

A licensed entry level registered nurse 1 working for the State of Washington earns $3,327 to $5,322 per month. Public health nurses working for county governments in the state average $2,698 to $6,854 per month. Registered nurses working for public schools throughout the state earn an average of $49,135 per year (WOIS).

Wages vary by employer. For example, hospital nurses tend to earn more than nurses working in clinics.
What Washington universities offer the BSN?

Washington State
University/Eastern
Washington University/Whitworth University
Consortium
- RN to BSN
- BSN
- MN

Gonzaga University
- BSN
- BA/RN to MSN

Northwest University
- BSN

Pacific Lutheran University
- BSN
- LPN to BSN
- BSN to MSN
- BA/RN to MSN

Seattle Pacific University
- BSN
- RN to BSN & MSN
- MSN

Seattle University
- BSN & MSN

St. Martin's University
- RN to BSN (also available at Everett Community College)

University of Washington - Bothell
- RN to BSN
- MN

University of Washington - Tacoma
- RN to BSN
- MSN

University of Washington - Seattle
- BSN & MSN

Walla Walla University
- BSN
- LPN to BSN
- RN to BSN

Western Washington University
- RN to BSN

Be sure to contact the nursing programs you are interested in for an updated list of their additional admission requirements.

Many schools also offer nursing information sessions that you can attend. You should also check with your nursing school to learn if there are any required health care hours (volunteer or work). Most nursing programs require that you write a personal statement explaining your interest in the nursing profession, and highlighting your leadership skills, community activities and understanding of diverse cultures and perspectives.

Prerequisite courses and minimum GPAs:
All of the Washington State BSN programs will honor the Associate of Pre-Nursing degree for admission. Some schools may require a second college level Math course. If you are pursuing a BSN program outside of Washington, check with the program you are interested in attending for pre-requisites. BSN programs are generally very competitive so maintaining very strong grades is important.

Where can I get more information on this career?
- National Student Nurses’ Association  www.nsna.org
- Discover Nursing  www.discovernursing.com
- Washington Center for Nursing  www.wacenterfornursing.org
- Explore Health Careers  www.explorehealthcareers.org
- For a list of schools in Washington that offer AAS in Nursing degrees:  www.checkoutacollege.com

How do I get a faculty advisor?
To request a faculty advisor, go to: http://edplanning.highline.edu/request.advisor.php or drop in at the Educational Planning and Advising Center (EPAC) in Building 6.
For our hours of operation, go to http://edplanning.highline.edu/