



STATE UNIVERSITY  
SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

# NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## State University System nursing programs produce high-quality graduates

The State University System offers a variety of programs for students interested in the nursing field. Currently, ten institutions offer 38 nursing programs at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. Twenty of these programs are at the bachelor's degree level and include traditional programs, freshman-admit programs, one second-degree part-time bachelor's track for working professionals, accelerated programs, and one program designed specifically for veterans.

Over the past ten years, university nursing programs have accommodated more students who would like to enter the nursing field. These programs have expanded their capacity to serve prospective nursing students, increasing available slots by 37% and thereby admitting a greater number of qualified applicants. In addition, the legislature contributed \$46 million to this effort by creating two new funding programs, PIPELINE and LINE, designed to expand nursing education in Florida in 2022-23.

Program graduates have high graduation rates, perform well on the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX), and are found employed at high percentages. These positive outcomes demonstrate the System's contribution to the nursing workforce in Florida, helping to ease shortages faced by the state.

## Key Highlights

### SYSTEM NURSING PROGRAMS



A variety of undergraduate & graduate nursing programs available



The System increased program capacity by 37% in the last 10 years

### BSN PROGRAM OUTCOMES



Awards high-quality bachelor's nursing degrees



Pre-licensure nursing grads increased by 33% over the past 10 years



Licensure passage rates above national average

### EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES



High percentage of graduates employed in all nursing fields



Above average graduate earnings

# OVERVIEW OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS



**38**  
programs

10 State University System institutions offer a variety of nursing education programs at both the undergraduate & graduate level

Degree Level and Program	FAMU	FAU	FGCU	FIU	FSU	UCF	UF	UNF	USF	UWF	Total
<b>Bachelor's</b>											
Registered Nursing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10
<b>Master's</b>											
Adult Health Nursing				✓							1
Family Practice Nursing				✓						✓	2
Nurse Anesthetist					✓				✓		2
Pediatric Nursing				✓							1
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing				✓							1
Registered Nursing	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	7
<b>Doctorate</b>											
Nurse Anesthetist								✓			1
Nursing Practice		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		8
Nursing Science		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>

Source: Florida Board of Governors staff analysis of SUDS data based on 2021-22 degree data.

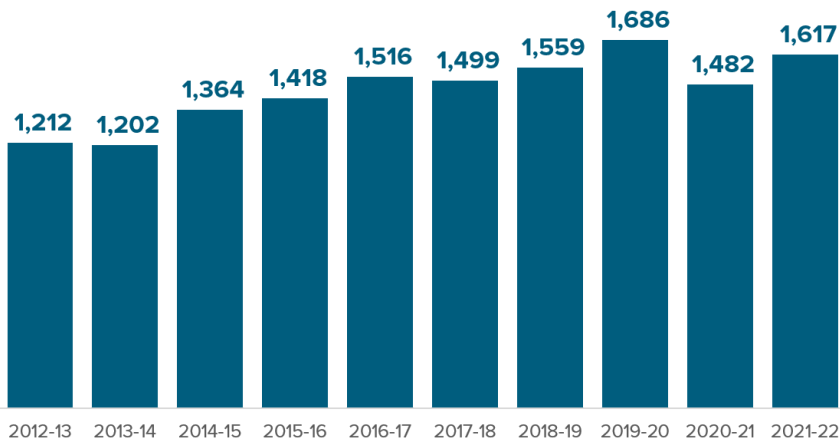
# BACHELOR'S NURSING GRADUATES



**Consistent  
High  
Performance**

The System offers high-quality bachelor's nursing programs, resulting in high graduation rates & NCLEX exam passage rates

## HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS PRODUCE MORE PRE-LICENSURE NURSING GRADUATES



Source: Florida Board of Governors staff analysis of university survey responses, fall 2022.

The number of pre-licensure nursing graduates has increased by 33% over the past 10 years

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree is a pathway to create new nurses. These pre-licensure programs have built the capacity to serve more students, resulting in an increased production of nursing graduates over the past ten years.

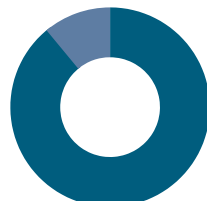
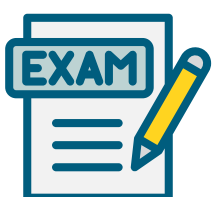
## MOST NURSING EDUCATION STUDENTS GRADUATE OR REMAIN IN THEIR PROGRAMS



**93%** of BSN students graduated or were retained in 2021-22

Source: Florida Board of Governors staff analysis of university survey responses, fall 2022.

## GRADUATES FROM NURSING PROGRAMS HAVE HIGH LICENSURE PASSAGE RATES



**89%** of System nursing graduates passed the NCLEX exam in 2021  
Florida grads exceed the national average passage rate of 86%

Source: 2022 System Accountability Plan.



# EMPLOYMENT & CONTINUING EDUCATION



## Meeting Workforce Needs

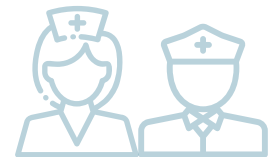
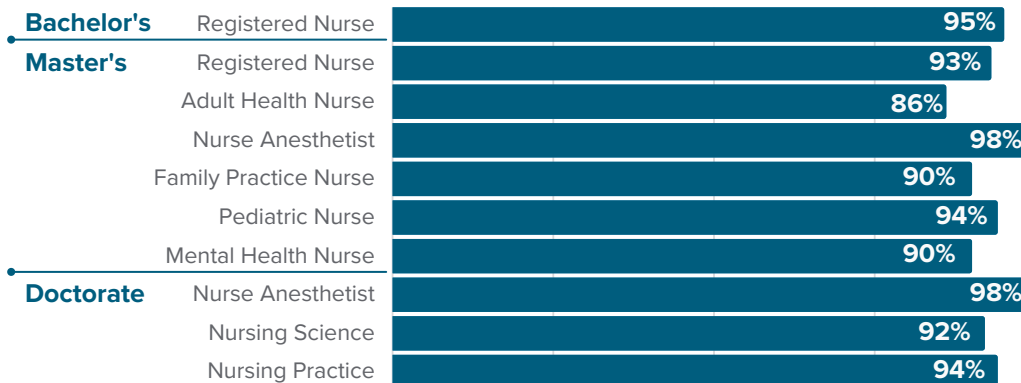
System nursing graduates have high employment rates & starting salaries; many pursue advanced nursing degrees

### THE SYSTEM COLLECTIVELY AWARDS 40% OF GRADUATE NURSING DEGREES



Source: Florida Board of Governors staff analysis of 2020-21 IPEDS data.

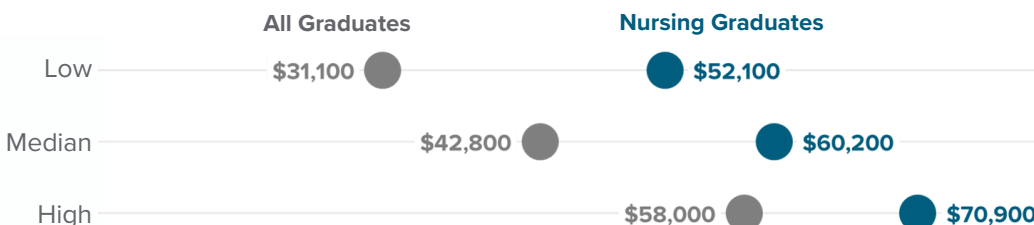
### ACROSS ALL NURSING FIELDS, SYSTEM GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED AT HIGH RATES



The System trains various types of nurses who help meet critical workforce needs after graduation

Source: Data provided by the Florida Board of Governors Office of Data Analytics on 12-5-21 using the MyFloridaFuture data set.

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING GRADS EARN HIGHER THAN AVERAGE WAGES



Notes: Low, median, and high represents 25th, 50th, and 75th percentile earnings for bachelor's graduates working full-time one year after graduation.

Source: Florida Board of Governors, MyFloridaFuture tool, January 2022.