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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 40 nursing programs at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. Ten of these programs are at the bachelor's degree level and include traditional, freshman-admit, second-degree, accelerated, 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 54%, or nearly 800 student slots, and 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. These programs were funded in 2022-23 and 2023-24.

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 are available



The System increased program capacity by nearly 800 slots in the last 10 years

BSN PROGRAM OUTCOMES



Pre-licensure nursing grads per year increased by over 500 over the past 10 years, reaching a record high



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



40
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
Bachelor's											
Registered Nursing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10
Master's											
Adult Health Nursing				✓							1
Family Practice Nursing				✓						✓	2
Pediatric Nursing				✓							1
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing				✓							1
Registered Nursing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	9
Doctorate											
Nurse Anesthetist					✓			✓			2
Nursing Practice		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		8
Nursing Science		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		6
TOTAL	2	4	3	8	5	4	3	4	4	3	40

Source: Florida Board of Governors staff analysis of SUS program inventory on 12/11/2023.

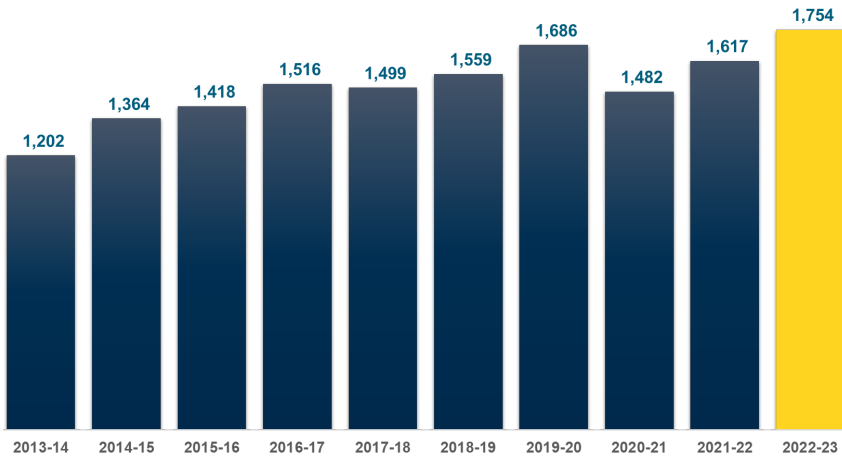
BACHELOR'S NURSING GRADUATES



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



The number of pre-licensure nursing graduates increased by 552 over the past 10 years to a new record high

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.

Source: Florida Board of Governors staff analysis of university survey responses, fall 2023.

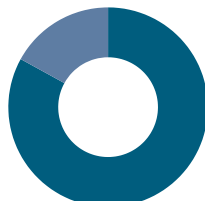
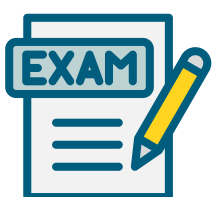
MOST NURSING EDUCATION STUDENTS GRADUATE OR REMAIN IN THEIR PROGRAMS



94% of BSN students graduated or were retained in 2022-23

Source: Florida Board of Governors staff analysis of university survey responses, fall 2023.

GRADUATES FROM NURSING PROGRAMS HAVE HIGH LICENSURE PASSAGE RATES



83% of System nursing graduates passed the NCLEX exam in 2022
Florida grads exceed the national average passage rate of 82%

Source: 2023 System Accountability Plan.

EMPLOYMENT & CONTINUING EDUCATION



Meeting Workforce Needs

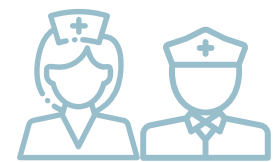
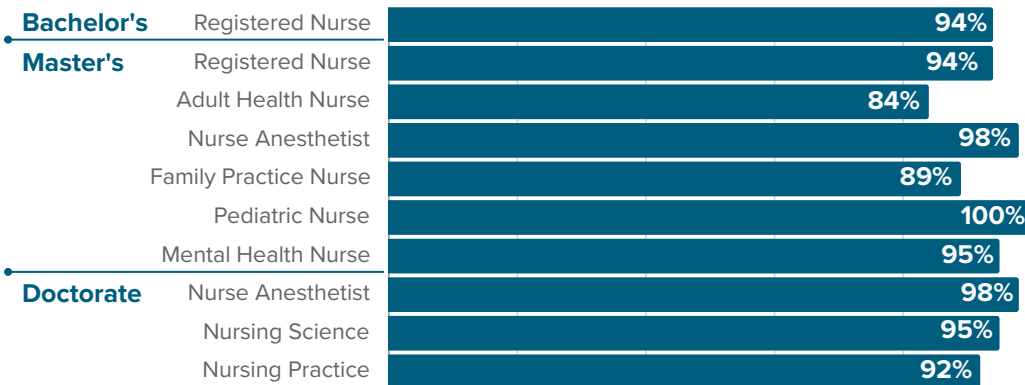
System nursing graduates have high employment rates & starting salaries; many pursue advanced nursing degrees

THE SYSTEM COLLECTIVELY AWARDS 42% OF GRADUATE NURSING DEGREES



Source: Florida Board of Governors staff analysis of 2021-22 IPEDS data.

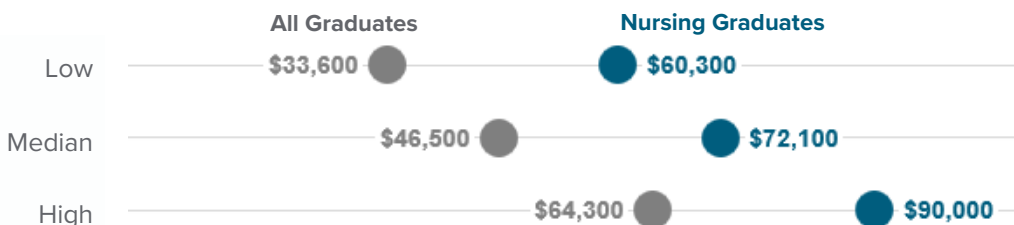
ACROSS ALL NURSING FIELDS, SYSTEM GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED AT HIGH RATES



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 using the 2023 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: Data provided by the Florida Board of Governors Office of Data Analytics using the latest MyFloridaFuture data set.