



NURSING PROGRAMS PRODUCE HIGH-QUALITY GRADUATES

The State University System (SUS) offers a variety of programs for students interested in the nursing field. Currently, ten universities offer 40 nursing programs at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. Ten of the programs are at the bachelor's level and provide multiple pathways to earning a nursing degree, including second-degree and accelerated programs as well as a program specifically designed for veterans.

Over the past 10 years, university nursing programs have expanded their capacity to serve prospective nursing students, increasing available slots by 66%, or 1,048 student slots. The legislature has supported this effort by providing \$46 million through the PIPELINE and LINE programs, which are designed to expand nursing education in Florida.

SUS nursing programs have high graduation rates, perform well on the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX), and graduates are 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



Increased program capacity by +1,000 slots in last 10 years



Record-high graduates, increased by 572 over the past 10 years



Licensure passage rates above national average



High percentage of graduates employed in all nursing fields



Above average graduate earnings

OVERVIEW OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

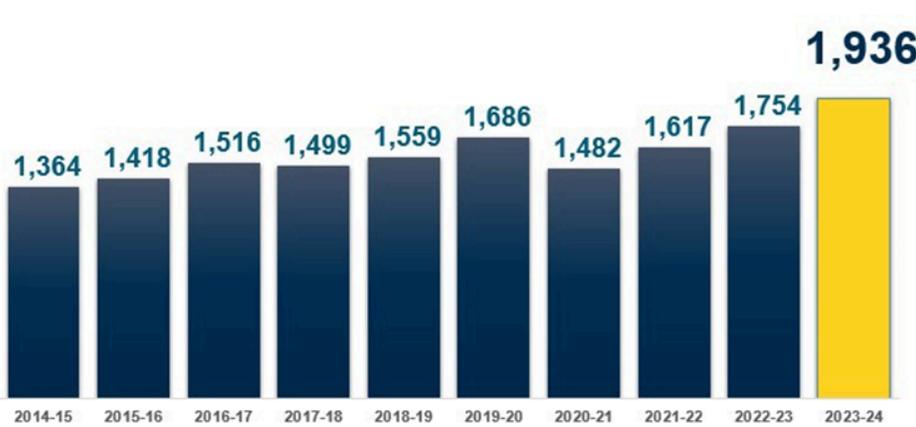
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programs

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

BACHELOR'S NURSING GRADUATES

HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS PRODUCE RECORD NUMBERS OF NURSING GRADUATES



The number of pre-licensure nursing graduates increased by 572 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 2024.

MOST NURSING EDUCATION STUDENTS GRADUATE OR REMAIN IN THEIR PROGRAMS



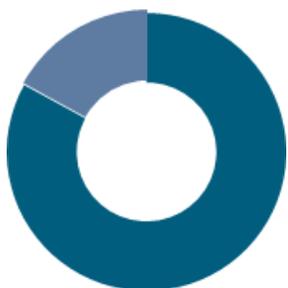
67%
Graduated

28%
Retained

95% of BSN students graduated or were retained in 2023-24

Source: Florida Board of Governors staff analysis of university survey responses, fall 2024.

SUS GRADS EXCEED THE NATIONAL AVERAGE PASSAGE RATE OF 90%

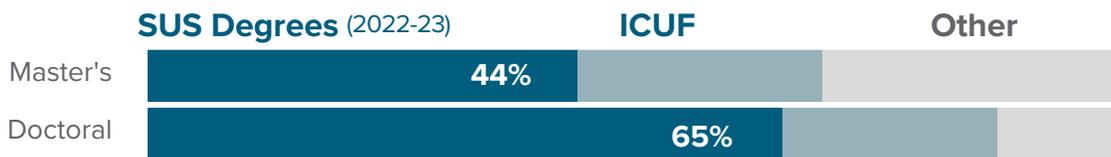


92% of System nursing graduates passed the NCLEX exam in 2023

Source: 2024 System Accountability Plan.

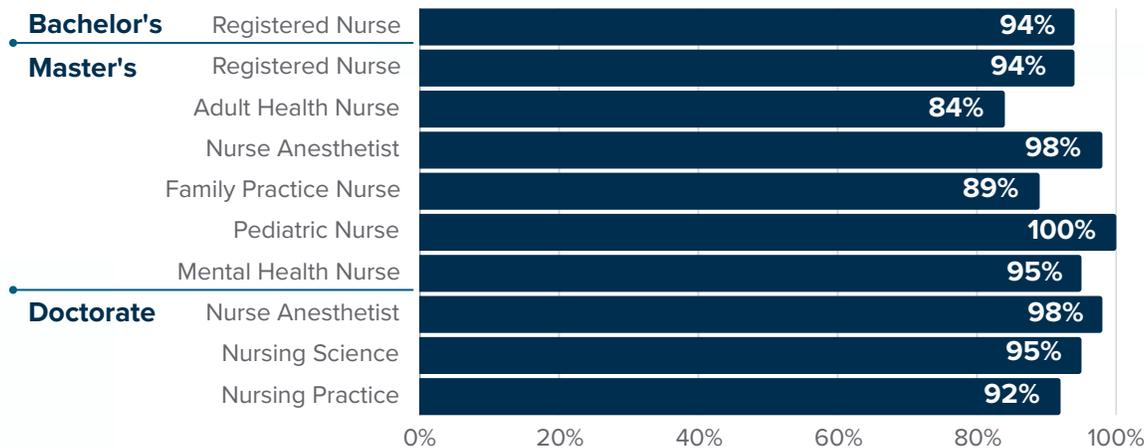
EMPLOYMENT & SALARIES OF NURSING GRADUATES

THE SYSTEM COLLECTIVELY AWARDS 52% OF GRADUATE NURSING DEGREES IN THE STATE



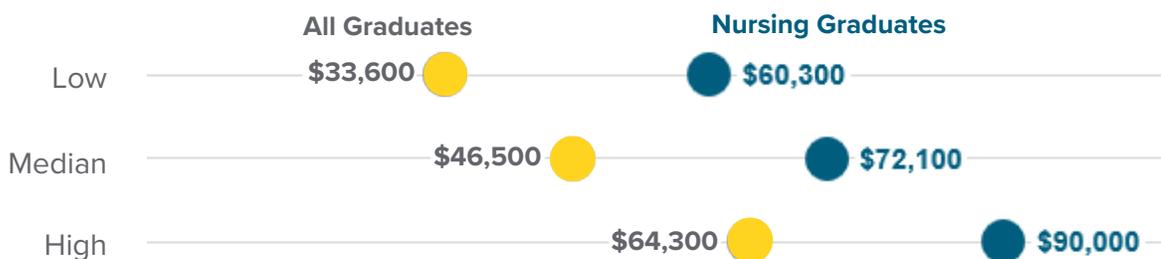
Source: Florida Board of Governors staff analysis of 2022-23 IPEDS data.

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



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.