

Nursing & Health Career Opportunities for You

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All the world's a stage, and all the men
and women merely players.

-Shakespeare's *As You Like It* Act II, sc. vii

Presentation Objective:

- To describe exciting job opportunities in nursing and selected health careers.
- To identify health care settings as one of the best places to get a job in the future.

WHAT CAREER IS FOR YOU?

NURSING

**HEALTH
INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

MEDICINE

PHARMACY

GETTING INTO NURSING: All Programs Require:

1 or more standardized entrance exams; SAT, ACT, or Pre-Nursing Test

High School Diploma or Its Equivalent

+English

+Math

+Science

+Social Studies

SOURCE: NSNA.ORG

STATE BOARD LICENSING EXAMINATION (SBLE)

**THREE BASIC TYPES OF
NURSING EDUCATION
PROGRAMS ALL
PREPARE STUDENTS TO
TAKE THE SBLE**

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WHICH NURSING PROGRAM IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

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REQUIREMENTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL NURSING CAREER

YOU AND YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR SHOULD EXPLORE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. What is your level of achievement in high school?
2. Will a part-time or full-time job be necessary while attending school?
3. Are you able to move to another location to attend school?
4. What are your career goals?

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IDEAL QUALITIES FOR PURSUING A NURSING CAREER:

ACADEMIC ABILITY

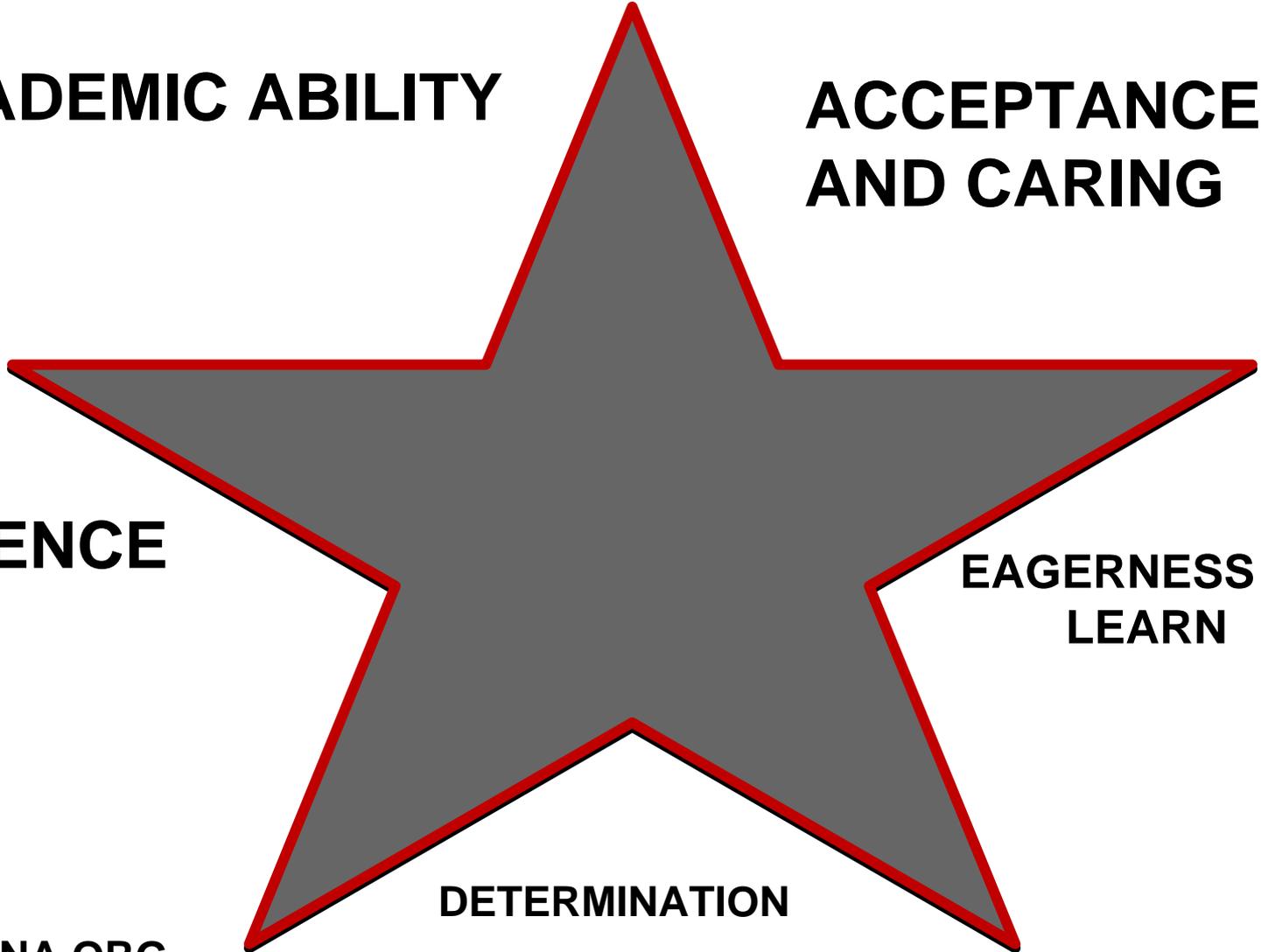
**ACCEPTANCE
AND CARING**

CONFIDENCE

**EAGERNESS TO
LEARN**

DETERMINATION

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Careers in Health Information Technology

Health Information Specialist, Patient Information Coordinator, Medical Facility Manager, Insurance Claims Analyst, Health Data Analyst, Records Technician Specialist, Clinical Coding Specialist, Physician Practice Manager, and Patient Information Coordinator.



Careers in Health Information Technology (con't)

Starting salaries begin at \$30,000 and reach an average of \$95,000 (American Health Information Management Association, 2009).



Careers in Health Information Technology (con't)

If you love working with computers and the medical field intrigues you, your skills and interests could come together in the perfect job. With training in health information technology you may find work in environments such as hospitals, physicians' offices, clinics, surgery centers, health information technology companies, long term care facilities, billing companies, and home care.



Nursing Informatics

Nursing Informatics is a career that focuses on finding ways to improve information, management and communications in nursing to improve efficiency, reduce costs and enhance the quality of patient care.



Nursing Informatics

Salary: \$79,000 - \$83,675.

(Note: "Average" salaries should always be used only as a guideline. Some health workers will earn more, and some will earn less. How much you can expect to earn in any position will depend on many factors.)



Pharmacist

Pharmacist Career Description

Typical duties include the following:

- +Dispensing drugs prescribed by physicians and other health practitioners
- +Educating and informing consumers and patients about the use and possible effects of medication
- +Advising physicians and other health practitioners on the selection, dosages, interactions and effects of medications
- +Maintaining confidential records of patients' medications to ensure their safety and monitor their progress
- +Providing specialized disease management services for patients with conditions such as diabetes or asthma
- +Preparing drug therapies in areas such as oncology and intravenous nutrition support

Pharmacist

Salary:

According to Salary.com, the middle 50 percent of professionals in pharmacist careers earn between \$105,652 and \$117,278 per year, but the top 10 percent earn \$122,690 or more.

Pharmacist

Might Work in the following settings:

- Hospitals
- Drug stores, grocery stores, or department stores
- Pharmaceutical manufacturers
- Health insurance companies
- Government agencies
- Public health care agencies
- Colleges and universities (in teaching and
- research positions, or in on-campus pharmacies)

Health Care Administration and Management Careers

- As with any type of business, the business of medical care requires trained management personnel. Health services and health care managers are responsible for planning and coordinating healthcare delivery. Some health care administrators are specialists -- supervising a specific practice area or department, while others are generalists, responsible for an entire health care facility.

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- Approximately 250,000 medical and health services managers were employed in 2000, with about 40% working in hospitals, 20% in nursing or personal care facilities or doctor's offices and clinics. The remainder were employed by the government, dental facilities, or other locations.

Health Care Administration and Management Careers (con't)

- Health care administrators earned, at the median, just over \$56,000 dollars in 2000. The highest 10% earned over \$98,000, while the lowest 10% earned under \$35,500. Pay tended to be higher in hospitals, and lower in nursing homes and other personal care facilities. The size of the health care facility and the responsibilities of the employee affected earnings as well.

Resources:

<http://www.nsna.org/CareerCenter/UltimateAdventure.aspx>

• <http://www.ahima.org/careersinhim/default.aspx>

• <http://www.ncpafoundation.org/>

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