

## Nursing Careers & Resources

The University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) offers a flexible and career-advancing [RN to BSN program](#) designed for current registered nurses who want to grow in leadership, community health, and clinical excellence. This program is ideal for working professionals aiming to deepen their impact in the healthcare field.

### What Can You Do With a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)?

A BSN opens doors to a variety of specialized and leadership-focused roles in the healthcare industry. Here are some career pathways you can pursue:

- **Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)**  
Coordinate and evaluate patient care in a clinical setting.
- **Public Health Nurse**  
Educate communities and implement preventive healthcare programs.
- **Charge Nurse or Nurse Supervisor**  
Manage a nursing unit and supervise other nurses.
- **Case Management Nurse**  
Develop care plans for patients with complex or long-term medical needs.
- **Nursing Informatics Specialist**  
Bridge the gap between clinical care and technology, analyzing healthcare data for quality improvement.
- **Health Policy Nurse**  
Work with organizations and government bodies to shape policies that improve public health outcomes.
- **School Nurse / Community Health Nurse**  
Provide care and health education in schools and local communities.
- **Graduate Education Opportunities**  
A BSN sets the stage for graduate study, including programs to become a **Nurse Practitioner (NP)**, **Nurse Educator**, **Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)**, or **Nurse Researcher**.

For a comprehensive look at various nursing degree pathways and their outcomes, visit:

 [All Nursing Schools – Degree Options](#)

### Shadowing Opportunities in Houston

Shadowing a nurse or healthcare provider is a great way to explore the profession. Below are some options in the Houston area:

- **Houston Methodist Hospital**  
Offers observership programs for aspiring healthcare professionals.  
Houston Methodist Observership Info
- **General Advice**  
Contact hospital volunteer offices or academic advisors to ask about shadowing opportunities—these are often arranged informally.

### **Volunteer Opportunities at Houston-Area Hospitals**

Volunteering builds skills, demonstrates commitment, and helps students gain hands-on exposure in healthcare settings. Consider applying to:

- Houston Methodist Volunteer Program
- Memorial Hermann Volunteer Services
- MD Anderson Volunteer Services
- HCA Houston Healthcare Volunteers
- Harris Health System Volunteers
- Texas Children's Hospital Volunteer Services

Engaging in shadowing and volunteering opportunities can provide practical experience, enhance your understanding of the nursing field, and strengthen your professional network within the healthcare community.

### **Nursing Career Information Websites:**

- **American Nurses Association (ANA):** <https://www.nursingworld.org/> - This is the premier organization representing registered nurses in the U.S. Their website offers a wide range of information on nursing practice, policy, ethics, career development, and news. They also have a career center.
- **NursingWorld.org:** <https://www.nursingworld.org/> - This is the official website of the ANA and provides access to numerous resources, publications, and information related to the nursing profession.
- **National League for Nursing (NLN):** <https://www.nln.org/> - The NLN is the oldest nursing organization in the U.S., focusing on excellence in nursing education. Their website offers resources for nurse educators, information on accreditation, research grants, and professional development opportunities.

- **American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN):** <https://www.aacnnursing.org/> - AACN is the national voice for academic nursing. Their website provides information on nursing education standards, resources for faculty and students, and initiatives to advance the nursing profession.
- **Professional Nursing Specialty Organizations:** Numerous organizations focus on specific nursing specialties (e.g., critical care, emergency, medical-surgical). These organizations often provide in-depth information, resources, and networking opportunities within their specialty. Examples include:
  - **American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN):** <https://www.aacn.org/>
  - **Emergency Nurses Association (ENA):** <https://www.ena.org/>
  - **Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN):** <https://www.amsn.org/>
  - A comprehensive list of specialty organizations can be found on websites like Nurse.org (<https://nurse.org/>) and AORN (<https://www.aorn.org/>).

#### Nursing Job Search Websites:

- **ANA Career Center:** <https://jobs.ana.org/> - The official job board of the American Nurses Association, listing a wide variety of nursing positions across different specialties and locations.
- **Texas Nurses Association Career Center:** <https://tna.associationcareernetwork.com/> - If you are specifically looking for jobs in Texas, this is a valuable resource.
- **Nurse.com:** <https://www.nurse.com/> - A comprehensive website with a large database of nursing jobs, as well as career resources, continuing education, and news.
- **Indeed:** <https://www.indeed.com/> - A general job search engine that also has a significant number of nursing job postings. You can filter your search by location, specialty, and experience level.
- **LinkedIn Jobs:** <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/> - Another general job platform where many healthcare organizations post nursing positions. LinkedIn also allows you to network with other professionals in the field.
- **Incredible Health:** <https://www.incrediblehealth.com/> - This platform uses an innovative approach where hospitals apply to you. You create a profile, and interested employers can reach out with job offers.
- **Vivian Health:** <https://www.vivian.com/> - This site focuses specifically on healthcare jobs, including many nursing positions. It allows you to compare pay rates and benefits.
- **Nursefinders:** <https://www.nursefinders.com/> - A staffing agency that specializes in placing nurses in per diem, contract, and permanent positions.

- **GHR Healthcare:** <https://www.ghrhealthcare.com/> - A healthcare staffing agency with a wide range of nursing opportunities in various settings.
- **Conexus MedStaff:** <https://conexusmedstaff.com/> - This agency focuses on placing international nurses in U.S. healthcare facilities and offers immigration and Green Card sponsorship.
- **FlexJobs:** <https://www.flexjobs.com/> - If you are interested in remote nursing positions, FlexJobs specializes in listing flexible and remote job opportunities, including nursing roles like telehealth and case management.
- **Nurse Fern:** <https://nursefern.com/> - This website specifically helps bedside nurses find remote nursing jobs and provides resources for transitioning to remote work.

Always exercise caution and do your own research when using any job search website or considering a job offer. Visit the [UHD Career Center](#) and [make an appointment](#) with your Career Counselor today to get individualized support on your career journey!

## **Resume Samples**

### **Pre-Nursing Resume Sample**

### **RN to BSN Resume Sample**