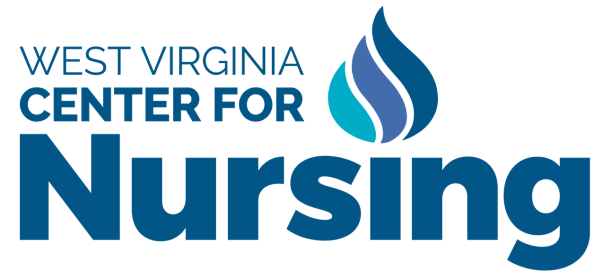


Nursing Career Pathway



**High School Diploma
or
High School Equivalent**

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

Education: high school, vocational school or workplace training program

Program length: 6 weeks to 2 months

Average Salary (WV; 2020): \$25,501

There are two paths to becoming an RN

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Education: vocational school or college

Program length: 9 to 12 months

Average Salary (WV; 2020): \$36,774

ASN / ADN

Education: college or university

Program length: 2 years

Average Salary (WV; 2020): \$57,483

BSN

Education: college or university

Program length: 4 years

Average Salary (WV; 2020): \$57,483

Bridge Program Lengths

- LPN to ASN - 1 to 2 years
- LPN to BSN - 1.5 to 2 years
- ASN to BSN - 1 to 1.5 years

Key

- Direct entry program from high school
- Bridge Program to allow nurses with previous licensure to gain additional credentials