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2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 94% of graduates

100% Secured
Employment

97.53% NCLEX Pass Rate

POPULAR CAREERS

Augustana graduates are prepared to address issues in a complex 21st century health care environment in areas that may include, but are not limited to: **medical, surgical, obstetrics, cardiac, pulmonary, pediatrics, trauma, oncology, renal and public health.**

Our nursing graduates are leaders who work in many different practice settings and roles including providing patient care as educators or administrators in hospitals, community health agencies, nursing homes and schools of nursing across the country. Others have served in the military, Peace Corps, Indian Health Services and as missionaries. A significant number also pursue further study at the master's, Ph.D, Ed.D., DNP and M.D. levels.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

• Clinical Opportunities

- Avera McKennan Hospital
- Sanford Health
- Avera Behavioral Health
- Avera Heart Hospital
- Various community sites including: Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, Union Gospel Mission, Dougherty Hospice House

• Example Research Topics

- Effects of a Serene Break Area on Nurses' Well-Being
- Effect of Lavender Aromatherapy on Sleep Quality
- Effectiveness of Massage Therapy in Treating Cancer Pain
- Is Bed Rest Best Practice for a DVT?

• Study Away

- AU Faculty-Led: Leadership in Nursing in Norway
- AU Faculty-Led: Leadership in Nursing in Ecuador
- AU Faculty-Led: Costa Rica Semester, Universidad Hispanoamericana



WHY STUDY NURSING?

The mission of the Department of Nursing at Augustana is to prepare transformational leaders who practice in interprofessional environments. Graduates are poised to collaboratively address complex issues in an evolving health care environment through experiences that cultivate their personal, intellectual and professional growth. The nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Graduates are eligible to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination (NCLEX) for licensure as registered nurses. They are prepared for entry-level positions anywhere in the health care system, and they have a strong foundation for graduate study.

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FIRST YEAR

MIDDLE YEAR(S)

LAST YEAR

EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report, and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Enroll in BIOL 110/120 & 150, SOC 110, CHEM 116 & 145 and PSYC 210.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).

- Explore minors or elective credits that interest you.
- Complete remaining prerequisite courses: HLTH 222, HLTH 289, BIOL 225, MATH 140 and BIOL 250.
- Enroll in NURS 200: Foundations of Nursing Practice I (fall/interim of second year) and NURS 228: Pathophysiology.
- Work with your faculty advisor to submit a paper application to the nursing program if you did not receive pre-admittance.

- Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Engage in research in NURS 450, and present your work at the annual research symposium.
- Top 10% of the class will be asked to join the Zeta Zeta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society.
- Apply to be a senior nursing mentor.
- During J-Term, complete preceptorship hours in Sioux Falls or join a faculty-led trip to Norway or Ecuador.

ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Access your Viking Central account.
- Participate in campus organizations such as the Augustana Nursing Student Association (ANSA) or Institute of Healthcare Improvement.
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.
- Find opportunities to build health care experience.
- Explore volunteer opportunities at Avera and Sanford Health.

- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer employment (e.g., patient care tech or CNA).
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Consider elite scholarship opportunities, such as the Fulbright, Rhodes or Truman.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds and ASA transportation funds. Pursue elite fellowships.

- Register to take the NCLEX exam following graduation.
- Attend the BIG (Business, Industry and Government) Job Fair.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!

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