SO…YOU WANT TO BE A NURSE!

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Why?

YOU SHOULD BE A NURSE IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES TO…

*Do I like to work with people?

*Does the sight of bodily fluids bother me?

*Would I like a flexible work schedule?

*Do I like constant change?

*Do I like to work in a fast-paced environment?

*Do I want a career where there are plenty of advancement opportunities?

*Do I want to have the ability to make a difference in someone's life?

*Do I have reliable transportation to take me to clinical sites?

YOU SHOULD NOT BE A NURSE IF…

*You are doing it because a parent wants you to
*You are doing it just for the money
*You like sitting
*Faint at the sight of blood
*Have high test anxiety
*Do not like change
*Have poor people skills
*Want to work Monday-Friday 9 to 5

COMMON TYPES OF NURSES

Licensed practical nurse

Education needed: LPN certification

Mean annual salary: $45,101

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) perform a variety of tasks under the supervision of an RN. They administer medicine, check vital signs and give injections. If you want to dip your foot in the world of nursing, becoming an LPN is often a great way to start.

Registered nurse

Education needed: ADN or BSN degree

Mean annual salary: $68,164

Registered nurses (RNs) are nurses with an associate or bachelor's degree in nursing. They assist physicians in hospitals and a variety of medical settings and help in treating patients with illnesses, injuries and medical conditions.

Nurse practitioner

Education needed: BSN and MSN

Mean annual salary: $75,318

While some nurse practitioners (NPs) work under the supervision of a physician, more and more are gaining autonomy, taking on many roles of a physician. NPs can diagnose diseases, prescribe meds and initiate treatment plans. If you want more independence and responsibility, without all of the educational requirements of a physician, becoming an NP might be the perfect fit.

SCIENCE GRADES ARE IMPORTANT!!!
SAT/ACT SCORES ARE IMPORTANT!!
GPA IS IMPORTANT!!

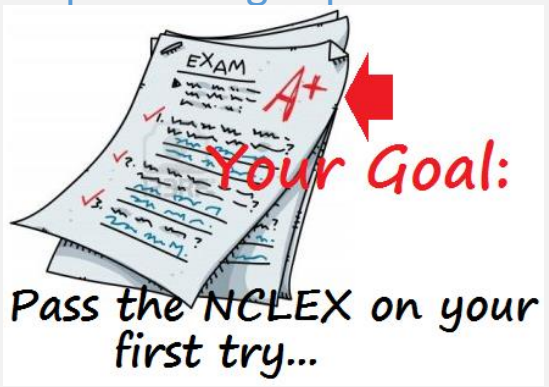
*There may be other testing needed
such as the HESI or TEAS Exam

LICENSURE

*NCLEX stands for National Council Licensure Examination. This is usually followed by two other letters; either PN or RN. These refer to whether the exam is for Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse.

*The NCLEX is a test that is administered to all nursing school graduates. It is meant to ensure that each nurse is competent and can practice safely as a new nurse.

*The NCLEX is based on Computerized Adaptive Testing (discussed further here). CAT basically means that each test is different. Each candidate receives an individualized and unique testing experience



WHEN CONSIDERING A SCHOOL, BE SURE TO CHECK THE NCLEX PASS RATE!!

http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Documents/Applications%20and%20Forms/NCLEX-PerformanceRN.pdf

HOW DO I PAY FOR MY NURSING EDUCATION?

*PERSONAL RESOURCES

*FINANCIAL AID

*SCHOLARSHIPS

*EMPLOYERS- Once you are employed as a registered nurse, most hospitals offer tuition reimbursement for Bachelor's and Master's Degrees!

PATHWAYS TO NURSING

*DIPLOMA NURSING SCHOOLS

*COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAMS

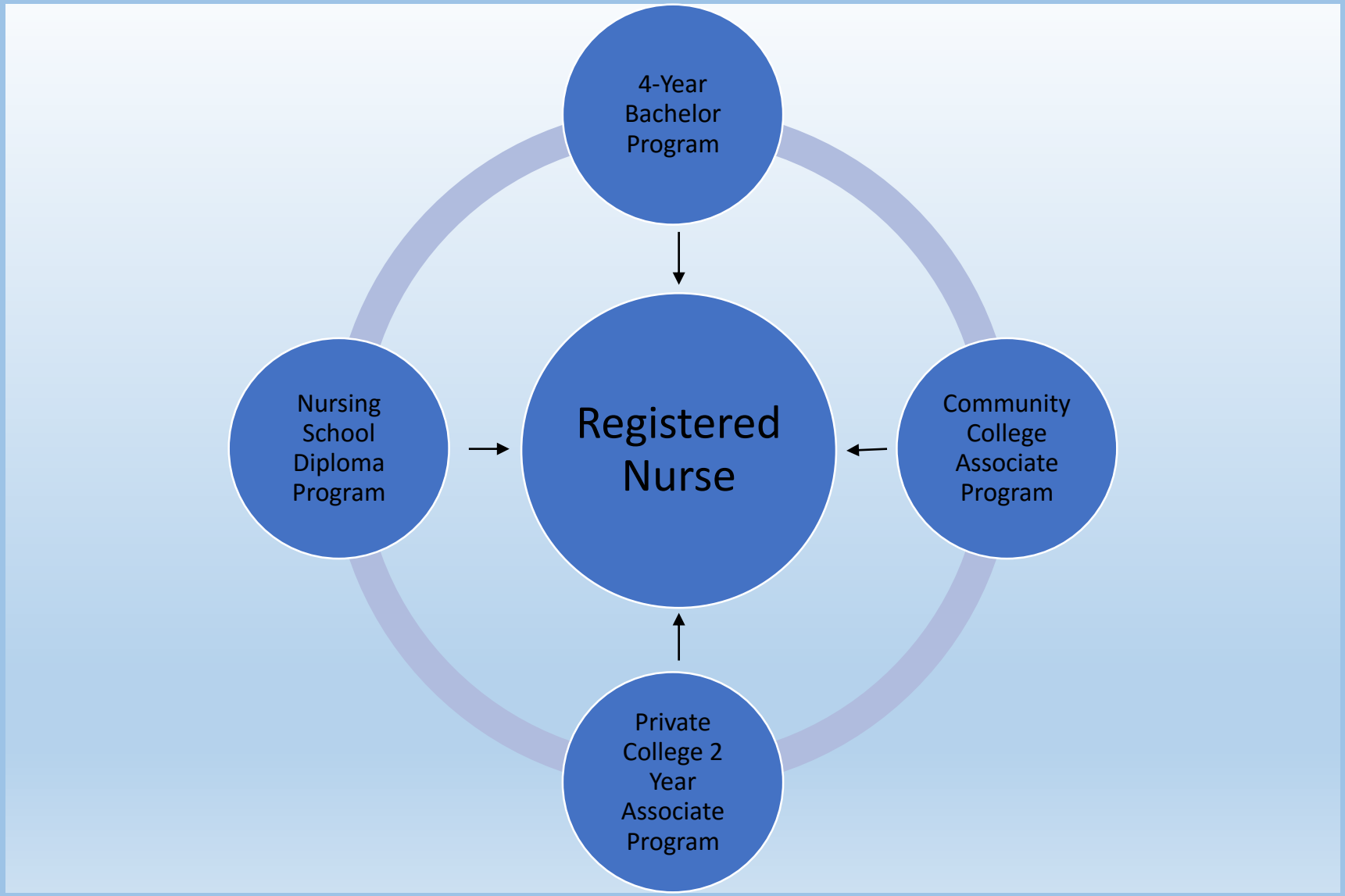
*2 YEAR ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

*4 YEAR BACHELOR PROGRAMS

Associate Degree Programs, Nursing School Diploma Programs are easier to get into than Four-year Bachelor Degree Programs

NOT TRUE!!

Every school is different, but they all have strict admissions criteria as they all want to ensure the success of the student and maintain the school's NCLEX pass rate


4-Year Bachelor Program
Nursing School Diploma Program
Registered Nurse
Community College Associate Program
Private College 2 Year Associate Program

Magnet status is an award given by the American Nurses' Credentialing Center (ANCC), an affiliate of the American Nurses Association, to **hospitals** that satisfy a set of criteria designed to measure the strength and quality of their nursing.

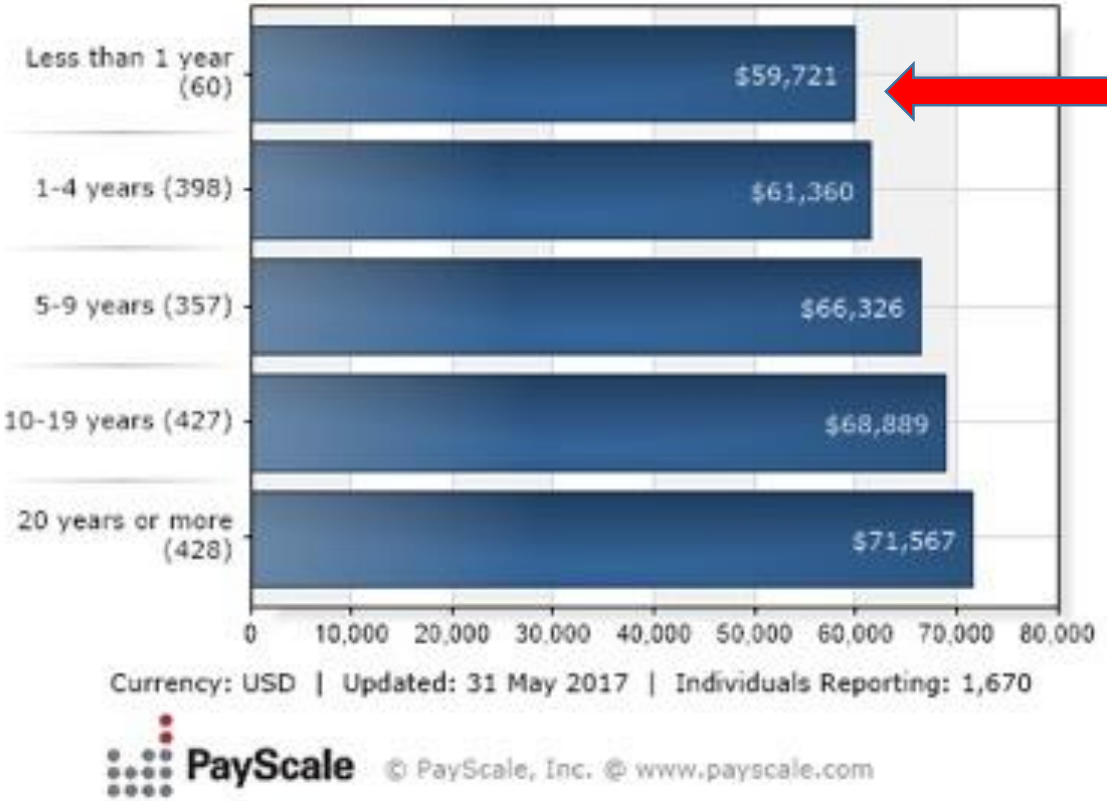
Registered Nurses who have a bachelor degree start out making more than registered nurses who have an associates degree or nursing diploma.

NOT TRUE!!

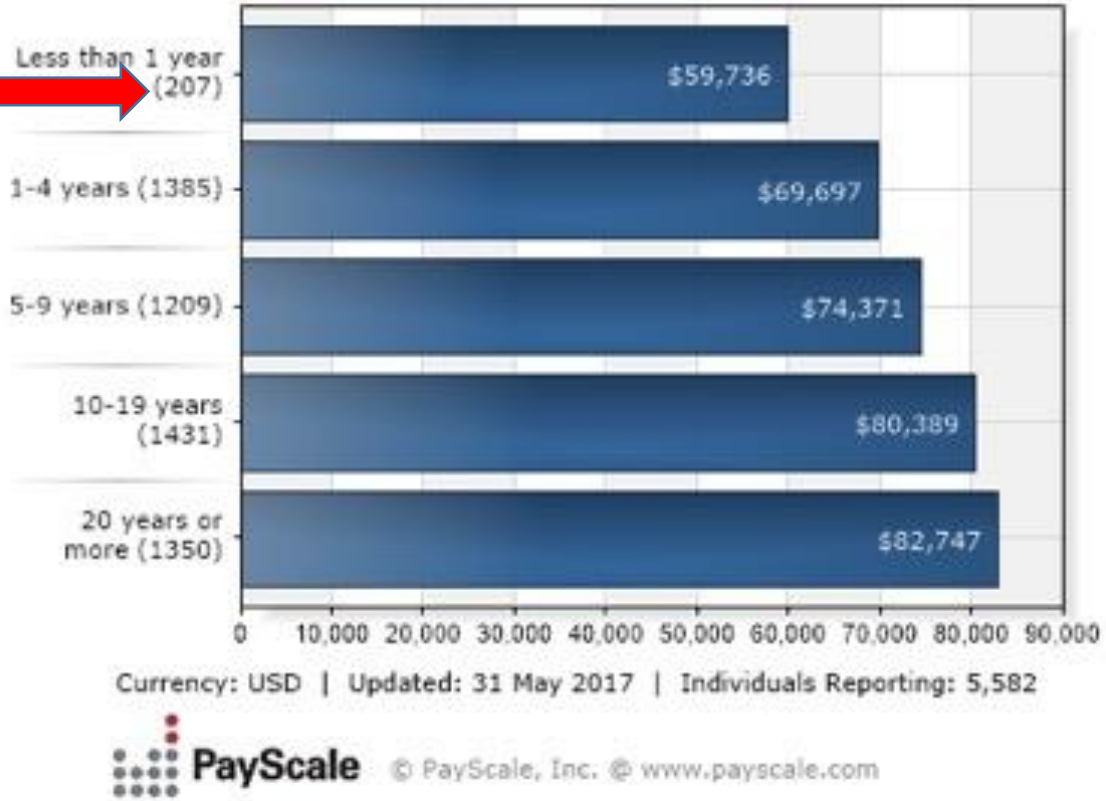
Who Makes More Money, Registered Nurses with Associate Degrees/Diplomas or Bachelor Prepared Nurses?

When entering the field, both ADN and BSN-educated RNs start off at about the same level, earning a median salary just shy of $60,000.

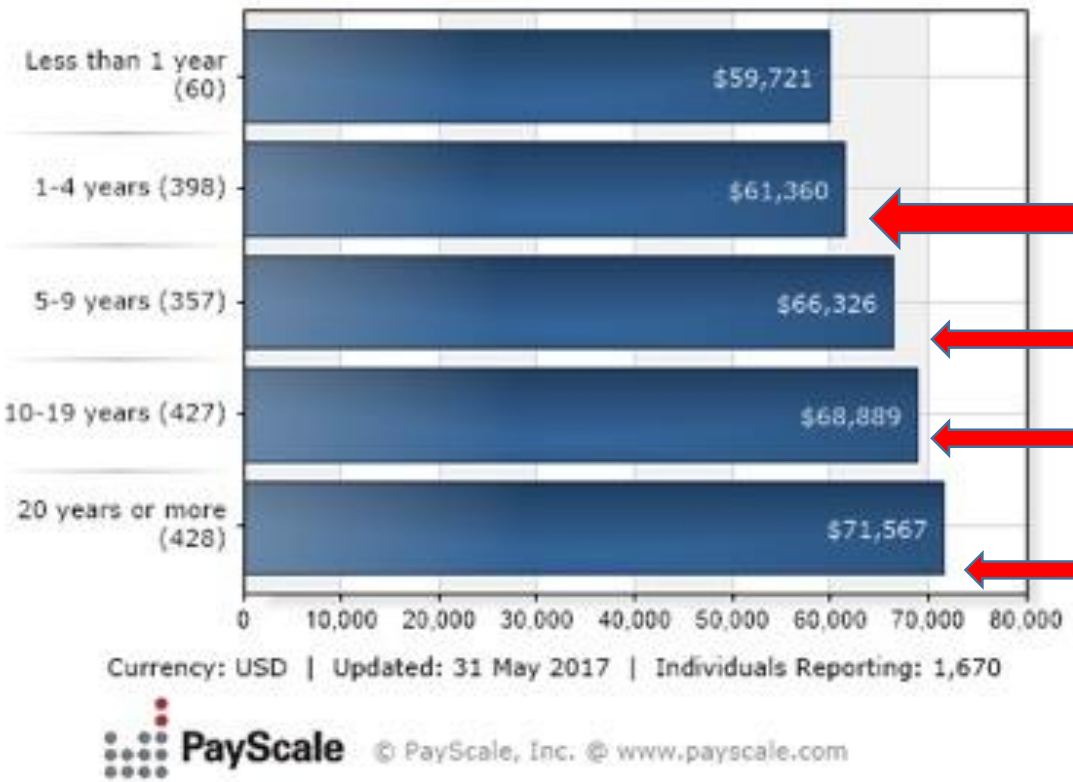
Two-Year Program

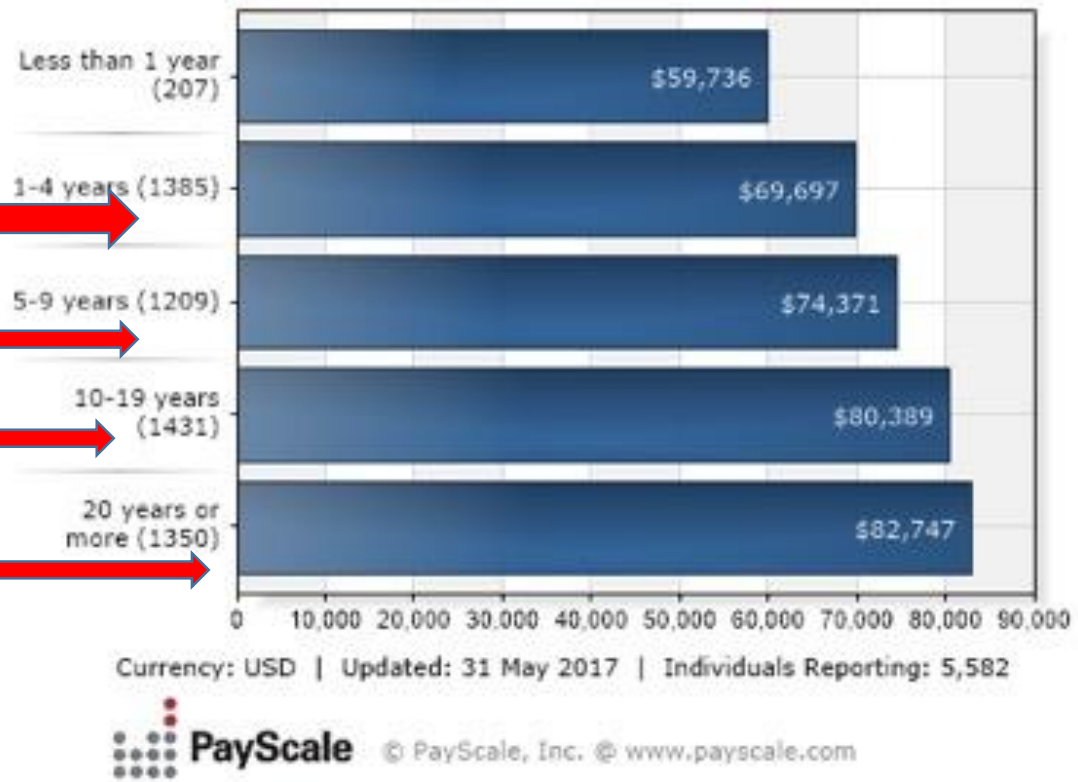


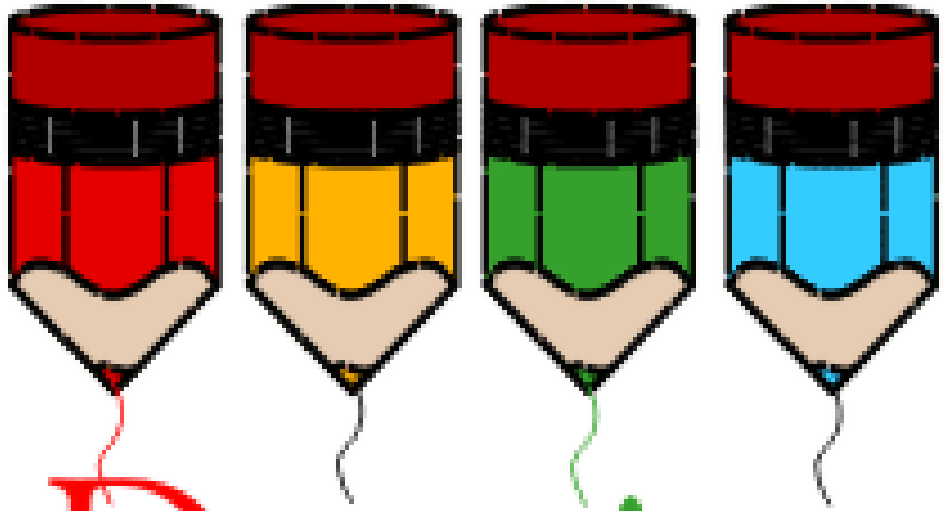
Four-Year program



But within a few years, the difference in earning potential begins to become very clear. With between 1-4 years experience, the median salary for RNs with an ADN is $61,360.By comparison, BSNs with the same level of experience earn $8,337 more, with a median salary of $69,697:







Drawing conclusions

Thanks for your attention!

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