SO...YOU WANT TO BE A NURSE!
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
*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*
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.

**MYTH**

**DEBUNKED!**

**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.
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:
Thanks for your attention!