

STEM OFFICE PRESENTS

# PATHWAYS INTO NURSING



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# What do Nurses Do?

Nurses promote health, prevent disease and help patients cope with illness. They have a unique scope of practice and can practice independently, although they also collaborate with all members of the health care team to provide the care needed by each patient as an individual. Nurses advocate for their patients and patients' families. They develop and manage nursing care plans and instruct patients and their families in proper care. As educators, they help whole communities by teaching individuals and groups how to take steps to improve or maintain their health.

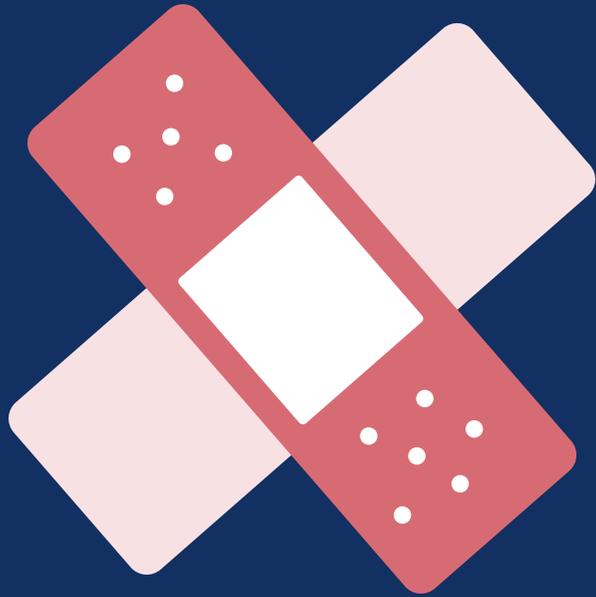
Registered Nurses (RNs) comprise the largest group of health professionals with approximately 3.1 million licensed providers. RNs offer essential care to patients in a variety of settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, community or public health areas, schools, workplaces, and home care. Nurses with graduate degrees may practice autonomously as Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) – including certified nurse-midwives, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified registered nurse anesthetists – nurse faculty, nurse researchers, nurse administrators, and public health nurses.

The services they provide are linked directly to the availability, cost, and quality of healthcare services. The contributions made by the practice and science of nursing are significant, and help to improve the quality of America's healthcare system.

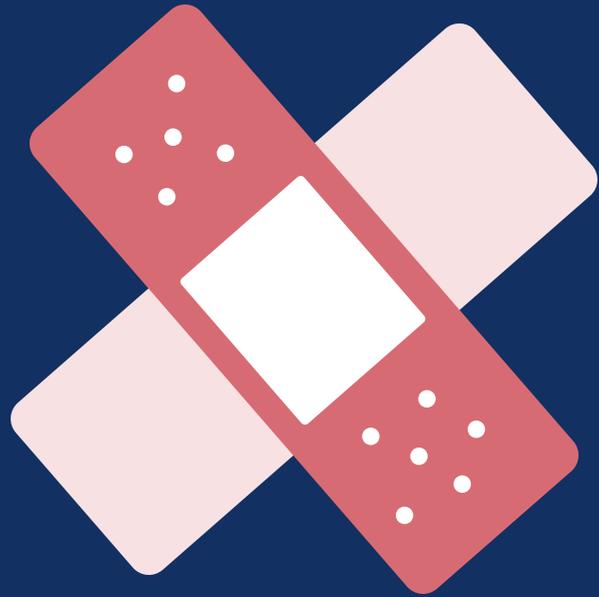
# Fastest Growing Occupation

Nursing is the fastest-growing occupation in the US. Nurses make up the majority of the healthcare industry, and that number's going up. **Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 15 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations.** Growth will occur for a number of reasons, including an increased emphasis on preventive care; growing rates of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity; and demand for healthcare services from the baby-boom population, as they live longer and more active lives.



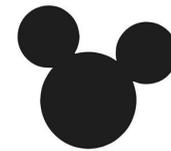
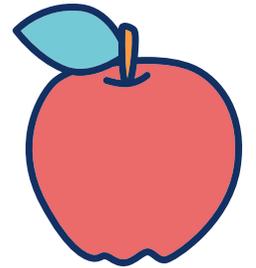


**Where do  
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nurses can  
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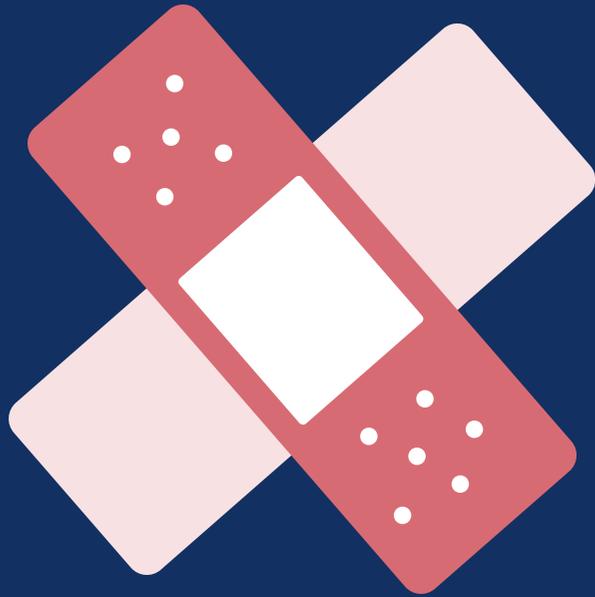
Where  
Nurses Work

Nurses  
can work  
here...



And  
here!





# Where Nurses Work

Few professions give you as many choices of where to work, areas to specialize in, or degrees to use. The range of nursing specialties is almost as varied as the personalities of the nurses themselves, so no matter what kind of person you are, there's a place in nursing for you.

- **General and Surgical Hospitals**
- **Doctor's Offices**
- **Nursing Care Facilities**
- **Outpatient Facilities**
- **Home Health Services**



# There are 104 specialty areas

With 104 specialty areas, degrees can vary from Associate to Doctorate degrees. Some specialty areas include:

- Advanced Practice
- Emergency
- Psychological
- Clinical
- Family
- Surgical
- Community
- Management
- Women's Health

# Degrees in Nursing



***PHD***

***DNP***

Doctoral (Post-Masters)

4-6 years

***MSN***

***BSN***

***ADN***

Master  
2-3 years

Bachelor  
~4 years

Associate  
2-4 years

***LPN***

***LVN***

***CNA***

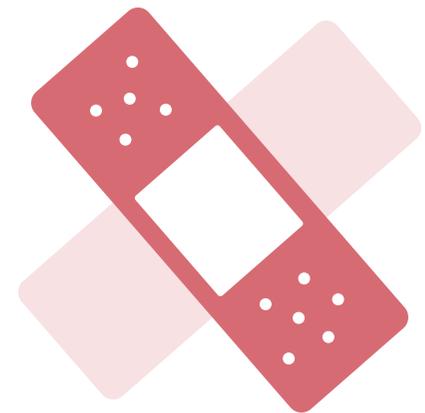
License  
9-12 months

Certification  
4-12 weeks

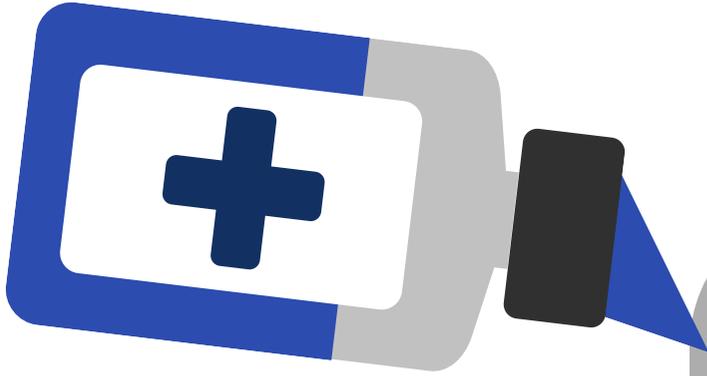
# Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

CNA's provide intimate, hands-on healthcare to patients in medical settings, helping with bathing, dressing and the basic activities of life.

- Training opportunities offered in vocational and technical schools, community colleges, a number of hospitals, and the Red Cross.
- Examination requirements: Candidates must pass knowledge and skills tests; the knowledge test is available in written and oral formats.
- Expected to pass the examination within two years of program completion/ approval by the Department of Health. Otherwise, you will need retraining.



# Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)



Nurses in these roles are usually part of a team of health professionals providing care in a variety of settings. They typically monitor a patient's vital statistics, administer basic care and report concerns to registered nurses and physicians.

LVN Programs require at least one year of full-time equivalent coursework and awards a diploma or certificate of completion as a LVN.

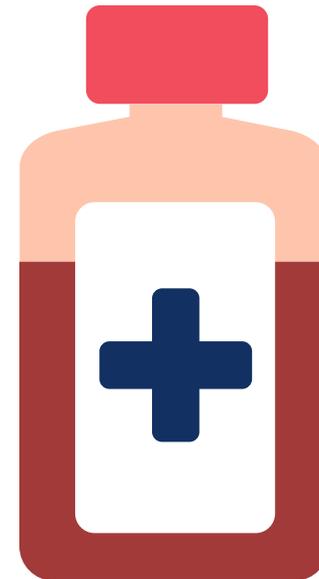
Students can then continue to go to school to obtain their RN license through an accredited LVN to RN program.

# Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN)

With your ADN, you can work in all different areas of hospitals, clinics, and healthcare facilities, in all different specialties. There are 104 areas of nursing you can specialize in

After you earn your ADN, you'll need to pass a national licensing examination, NCLEX-RN, in order to begin working as a registered nurse.

- Monitoring patients
- Updating charts
- Performing tests
- Analyzing the results
- Teaching patients how to manage their illnesses or injuries at home
- Operating medical equipment
- & more!



# Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Takes 4 years, but could take  
less than 2 years (RN-BSN or  
Accelerated BSN)

Many nurses with a BSN get groomed for leadership roles. Day-to-day, you'll be  
doing things like:

- Developing nursing care treatment plans
- Educating patients and providing support to them and their families
- Assisting doctors
- Administering medication and injections
- Supervising other nurses

Magnet Hospitals—hospitals that have been recognized for the highest quality  
healthcare and nursing—prefer to hire nurses with a BSN.



# What's the difference between ADN & BSN?



# Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Your MSN program will include specialty courses to help you in your chosen area of nursing, as well as classes on health care policy, ethics, management and advanced practice nursing, advanced biochemistry and pharmacology, and wrap up with a practicum.



You'll earn your degree at a university; you might even be able to get it online.

Most MSN programs are competitive, requiring you to juggle many responsibilities, so you'll need to be organized and be able to manage stress.



# Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

# Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)

After earning your Doctorate, you'll be able to move into nursing leadership and executive roles in hospitals and healthcare facilities, teach at a college or university, or work in healthcare research.

The DNP/PhD program extends your skills beyond practical, hands-on nursing and into the scholarly and research arenas.

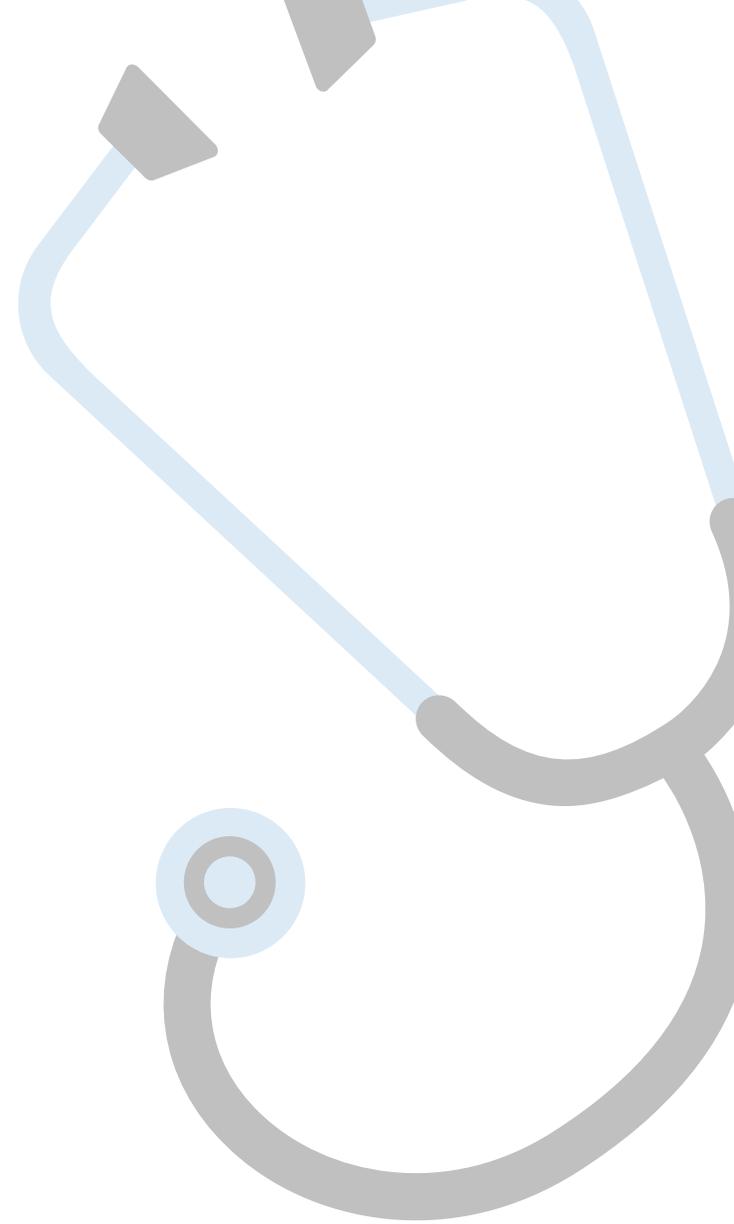


All programs include courses in:  
Research  
Statistics and data analysis  
History and philosophy of nursing

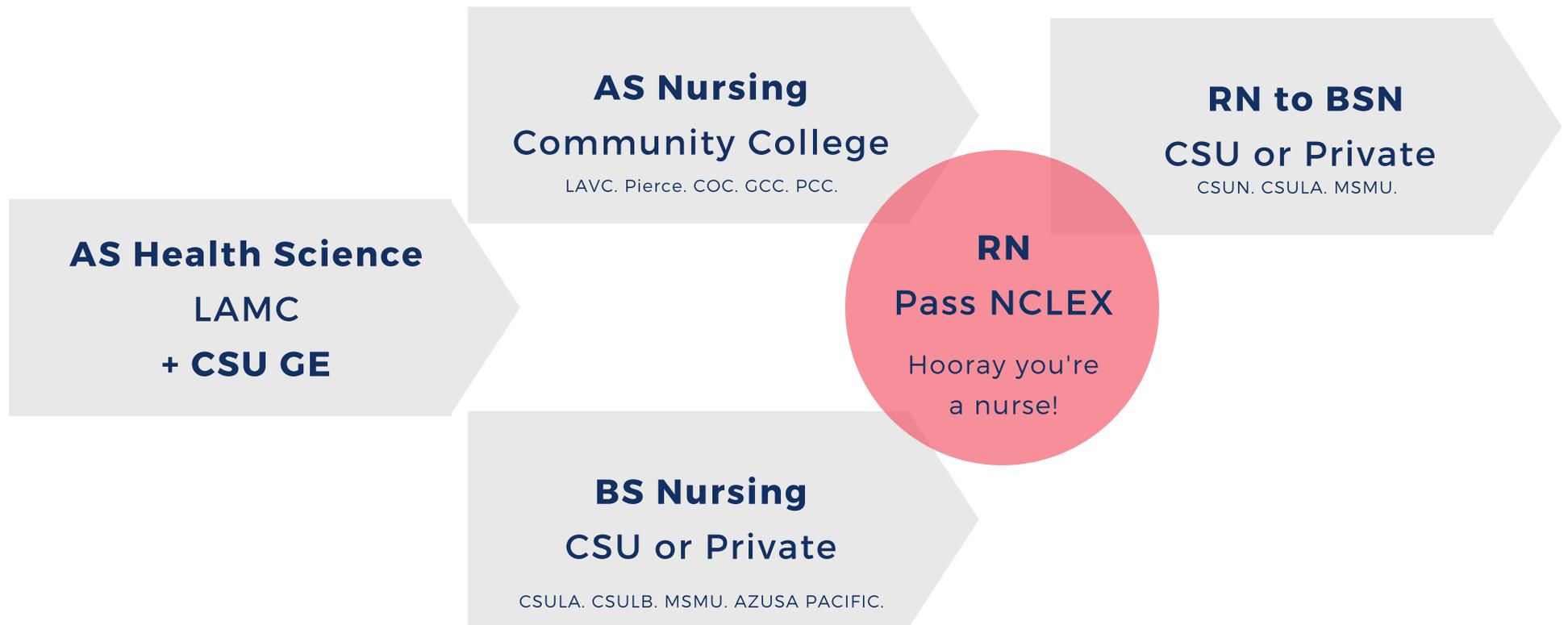


Since the DNP is the preferred degree for nursing executives, you'll also focus on clinical practice-oriented leadership.

# A Closer Look into RNs



# Pathways into RN



# RN Preparation



Students interested in becoming a Registered Nurse, should consider obtaining an AS in Health Science

## FALL

ENGL 101 (3)

MATH 227 (4)

BIOL 3 (4)  
or BIOL 5 (4)

COUNSEL  
Elective (1)

## SPRING

ENGL 102 (3)

CHEM 51 (5)

ANAT 1 (4)

## FALL

COMM 101 (3)

PHYSIOL 1 (4)

PSYCH 1 (3)

KIN ACTIVITY  
(1)

## SPRING

MICRO 20 (4)

PSYCH 41 (3)

Elective (3)

Elective (3)

## WINTER

POL SCI 1 (3)

## SUMMER

HEALTH 11 (3)  
Elective (3)

## WINTER

AREA C: Arts &  
Humanities (3)

**60 units  
Total**

# TEAS TEST

## Test of Essential Academic Skills

### About

A basic aptitude test offered by the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI).

### Purpose

The TEAS test is a mandatory prerequisite for any student looking to enroll in a nursing or allied health school. The test gauges students who would succeed in nursing school.

### Register

Check the ATI website for online registration, Contact ATI at (800) 667-7531, Perform a "TEAS sites" internet search, Contact the school to which you are applying for a list of available TEAS locations

### How much

The total cost for appearing the TEAS is \$50- \$80.

### Composed of

4 components including: Reading (40 questions, 50 minutes), Math (45 items, 56 minutes), Science (30 items, 38 minutes), English and Language Usage (55 items, 65 minutes)

### Tips

Check with program of interest for more info!

# A More Educated Workforce

In addition to the increased demand for RNs in general, many employers have indicated a desire for a more highly educated workforce. Currently 54% of employers require the BSN, and 98% prefer new RNs with the BSN. Contributing to this trend is a large body of research stating that nurses with baccalaureate level education are linked with improved patient outcomes. As the demand for nurses increases it is likely that the demand for baccalaureate educated nurses will keep pace.



# Salary Comparison

TYPES OF NURSES	DEGREE REQUIRED	EXPERTISE	SALARY
Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)	<b>HS DIPLOMA &amp; CERTIFICATE</b>	Nursing assistants, sometimes called nursing aides, help provide basic care for patients in hospitals and residents of long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes. Orderlies transport patients and clean treatment areas.	<b>\$25,710</b>
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)	<b>LPN/LVN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM</b>	Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) provide basic nursing care. They work under the direction of registered nurses and doctors.	<b>\$43,170</b>
Registered Nurse (RN)	<b>ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING</b>	Registered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about various health conditions, and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members.	<b>\$67,490</b>
Nurse Practitioner (NP)	<b>MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING</b>	Diagnose and treat acute, episodic, or chronic illness, independently or as part of a healthcare team. May focus on health promotion and disease prevention. May order, perform, or interpret diagnostic tests such as lab work and x rays. May prescribe medication. Must be registered nurses who have specialized graduate education.	<b>\$98,190</b>
Nurse Midwife (CNM)	<b>MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING</b>	Diagnose and coordinate all aspects of the birthing process, either independently or as part of a healthcare team. May provide well-woman gynecological care. Must have specialized, graduate nursing education.	<b>\$92,510</b>
Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)	<b>MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING</b>	Administer anesthesia, monitor patient's vital signs, and oversee patient recovery from anesthesia. May assist anesthesiologists, surgeons, other physicians, or dentists. Must be registered nurses who have specialized graduate education.	<b>\$157,140</b>
Nursing Instructor/Teacher	<b>MASTER OF SCIENCE OR DOCTORATE OF NURSING PRACTICE</b>	Demonstrate and teach patient care in classroom and clinical units to nursing students. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of teaching and research.	<b>\$67,480</b>

# Allied Health @ LAMC

The Allied Health programs at Los Angeles Mission College are designed to teach students the basic healthcare skills they need to become work-ready and/or continue pursuing their Associate Degree.

Whether you are looking to become a lab technician, CNA, Pharmacy Technician, or Medical Biller and Coder our flexible and affordable classes are the best path for achieving the career of your dreams.

Learn more about our exciting healthcare programs:

- Health Occupations Fundamentals Certificate
- Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) & Home Health Aide (HHA) Training
- Pharmacy Technician Certificate
- Fundamentals of Medical Billing & Coding Certificate
- Biotechnology Certificates

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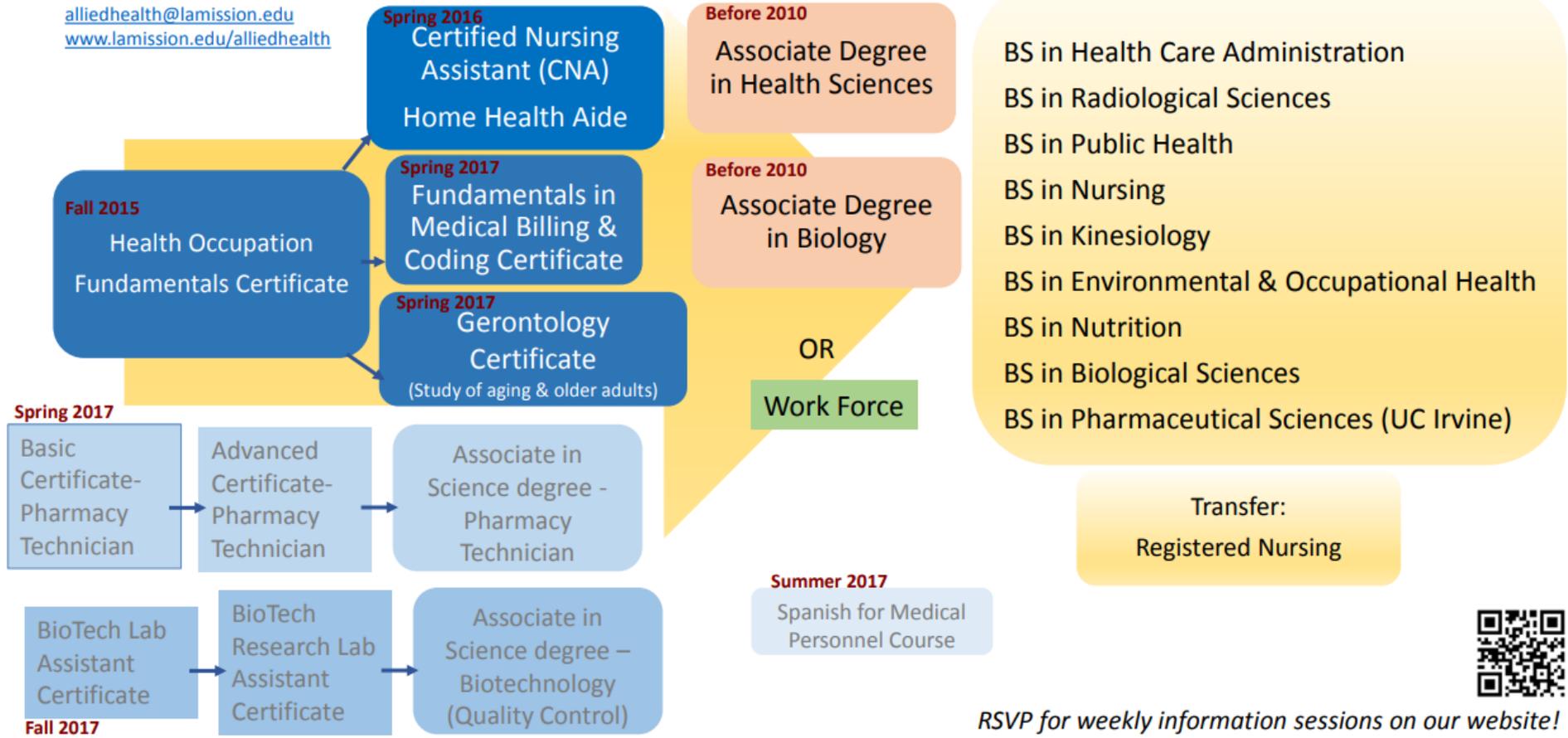
## Stackable Certificate/Degree Programs

For more information contact Allied Health Office:

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discuss your options further  
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