**Title: Becoming a Registered Nurse**

Registered Nurses (RN’s) are health care professionals who work with other health care providers in taking care of a patient. No matter the specialty of work, nurses are role models, problem solvers, and caregivers. Nurses are extremely important in a patient’s healing and wellbeing. If you have the instinct to care, perhaps you should consider nursing as a career. There is a great demand for qualified nurses around the world.

**Education**

There are a number of steps needed to become a registered nurse. In high school, focus on what degree you really want. You can get either of the three: a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (BSN), an associate degree in nursing (ADN), or obtain diploma from a hospital. Typically, it takes four years to finish a BSN, three years for a diploma, and two or three years for an ADN. Take a lot of science courses particularly biology and chemistry classes. Keep your grades high, and meet all the conditions required by the nursing school you want to attend.

**Training**

On top of classroom lectures, nursing schools offer supervised clinical experience. To develop nursing students in providing the holistic approach, they also receive training in hospital departments such as psychiatric, surgical, maternal health, pediatric, and palliative care. Some programs also provide nursing students obtain clinical experience in health departments, home health care agencies, nursing facilities and medical clinics.

**Licensing**

When you have finished your studies and training, you will need to get a license as a Registered Nurse (RN). Like many other professions, possess a license in the state in which they would want to work. After graduation, you need to take and pass the NCLEX-RN ® examination to become licensed registered nurse. All you need to do is consult or visit the website of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. From here, you can either work as a nurse or pursue a higher nursing education depending on your preference, budget, and time.

**References**

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**Resources**

* **Registered Nurses** http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm