Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nursing is one of the noblest professions and one of the best fields if you want to serve the community. Medicine, being one of the most recession-proof industries, offers very good career prospects and job opportunities for doctors and nurses alike.

There are various types of nursing courses at undergraduate, postgraduate as well as doctoral levels. Admission to most of the nursing courses is done on the basis of entrance exams, however, there are colleges that amidst students to UG nursing programmes on the basis of class 12 board exam score. If you aspire to enter the nursing field, here's all you need to know about the courses.

Type of Nursing Courses

While looking for nursing programmes, make sure that you pick colleges that offer courses certified by the Indian Nursing Council (INC). Some of the popular nursing programmes are listed below.

Type of Course	Name of the Course and Duration
Diploma Courses	 Auxiliary Nursing & Midwife (ANM)– 1.5 years months General Nursing & Midwife (GNM) – 3.5 years
Undergraduate Degree Courses	 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.Sc. Basic) – 4 years Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.Sc. Post Basic) – 2 years Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.Sc. Distance) – 3 years
Post-graduate Degree Courses	 Master of Science in Nursing (M.Sc.) – 2 years M.Sc. in MedicalSurgical Nursing - 2 Years
Doctoral Courses	 Master of Science in Nursing (M.Phil Full time) – 1 year Master of Science in Nursing (M.Phil Part time) – 2 years Doctor in Philosophy (Ph.D.) – 3 to 5 yrs

Job Opportunities in Nursing

With surplus private as well as government hospitals in India, there are various job opportunities for nursing graduates in both sectors. The rapid growth and privatization of the healthcare industry have enhanced employment in this sector. Each year the government hires 22,000 nurses. There is still a requirement of 4 lakh nurses in the country. Graduates can also apply for nursing posts at private healthcare centres. Following are some of the profiles that are available in this field:

- · Staff Nurse
- Nursing Service Administrators
- Assistant Nursing Superintendent
- · Industrial Nurse
- Department Supervisor
- · Nursing Supervisor or Ward Sister
- Nursing Superintendent
- Community Health Nurse (CHN)
- · Director of Nursing
- Military Nurse
- Deputy Nursing Superintendent
- Teacher of Nursing

Salaries Offered in the Nursing Field

- Freshers in this field can expect a salary ranging from Rs. 7,000 to Rs. 15,000 per month.
- The salary improves with experience. Candidates can expect their salary to be Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 30,000 after 2 to 3 years of experience.
- Highly experienced nurses may also get a salary package of Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 72,000.

Top Nursing Colleges in India

Shobhit University, Meerut	Yamuna Group of Institutions (YGI), Yamunanagar
Sagar Group of Institutions (SGI), Barabanki	Rayat Bahra University (RBU), Mohali
Sigma Group Of Institutes (SGI), Vadodara	P P Savani University, Surat
Dr. M.G.R. Educational And Research Institute (DRMGRERI), Chennai	Swarrnim Startup And Innovation University (SSIU), Gandhinagar
SEA Group Of Institutions (SEA College), Bangalore	Sankalchand Patel University (SPU), Visnagar