

NURSING DEGREE COMPARISON

LPN/LVN (Licensed Practical/ Vocational Nurse) Aprogram that requires at least one year of full-time equivalent coursework and awards a diploma or certificate of completion as a LPN/LVN. CERTIFICATE Post-Bachelor's Certificate Admits students with baccalaureate nursing degrees and awards at completion, a certificate. Admits students with baccalaureate nursing degrees and awards at completion, a certificate. Admits nurses with a graduate degree in nursing, and, at completion, awards either a certificate or other evidence of completion, such as a letter from the program director. RN Diploma A program that is typically housed within a hospital based structural unit and awards a diploma or certificate of completion, such as a letter from the program director. RN Diploma A program that requires at least was academic years of full-time equivalent college academic work and awards an associate degree in nursing. BSN/BS (2nd Degree) for Non-Nurses with a Bachelor's Degree BSN/BS (1nd Degree) for Port Non-Nurses with a Bachelor's Degree BSN/BS (for Non-Nurses) Admits students with no previous nursing education and awards a baccalaureate nursing degree. Undergradic Nurses with a Bachelor's degree MASTER'S Master's (Entry-Level) for Non-Nurses with a Bachelor's degree Admits students with baccalaureate degrees in other disciplines and no previous nursing degree. Undergradic Nurses with a Bachelor's degree Admits students with baccalaureate degrees in other disciplines and no previous nursing degree. Undergradic Nurses with a Bachelor's degree MASTER'S Admits students with baccalaureate degrees in other disciplines and no previous nursing degree. Undergradic Nurses with a Bachelor's degree MASTER'S Admits students with baccalaureate degrees in other disciplines and no previous nursing degree. Undergradic Nurses with a Bachelor's degree in nursing, or o master of science in nursing, degree in nursing, master of science with a master's degree in nursing, or o master of science in nursing, respective	
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