

Careers in Nursing/Allied Health

Career Options:

- Nursing Assistant:** Provide the basic patient-care needs such as bathing, dressing, grooming and eating.
- Practical Nurse:** Provide care by taking vital signs, temperature, pulse and respiration. Also help patients with bathing, dressing and personal hygiene.
- Registered Nurse:** Provide bedside care, administer treatment and medication under direction of physician, assess and record symptoms and progress.
- Radiologic Technician:** Take x-rays and administer non-radioactive materials into patients' bloodstreams for diagnostic purposes.
- Surgical Technician:** Set up the operating room, prepare and transport patients, and clean and restock the operating room and assist physicians and nurses during surgeries.
- Respiratory Care:** Evaluate, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders.

Skills and Abilities:

- Caring, sympathetic, and good listening skills
- Calm and patient
- Ability to communicate with people from a variety of backgrounds
- A clear-thinking problem solver who is assertive and confident, especially in time of crisis
- Ability to interact with others and work as a part of a team
- Willing to continuously learn new technologies and procedures

Assessment
Individual Career Plan
Adult Education
Job Readiness
Soft Skills Training

Certificate of Proficiency
Nursing Assistant
Salary Range: \$7 - \$12/hr
\$14,000 - \$22,000/yr

Technical Certificate
Practical Nursing
Salary Range: \$14 - \$17/hr
\$29,000 - \$35,000

Associate of Applied Science Degree
Registered Nurse
Radiologic Technician
Surgical Technician
Respiratory Care
Salary Range: \$10 - \$27/hr
\$20,000 - \$53,000

Working Conditions:

- Usually work a standard 40-hour week, but may work evenings, weekends, shift work, or on-call
- Work requires walking, standing for long periods as well as lifting patients and equipment
- Work may involve exposure to infectious diseases, hazardous chemicals or radiation
- Work can be demanding and stressful

Earning Power*

Nursing Assistant	\$14,000 - \$22,000
Practical Nursing	\$29,000 - \$35,000
Registered Nurse	\$37,000 - \$53,000
Radiologic Technician	\$34,000 - \$41,000
Surgical Technician	\$20,000 - \$31,000
Respiratory Care	\$20,000 - \$35,000

* Salary ranges are estimates only; actual salary may vary.

For More Information:

If you'd like to know more about how to get started on a path to a new career, stop by our office at 2304 W. 29th Ave. in Pine Bluff, or give us a call at 870.535.6233.

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Before You Begin:

Assessment

Assessment of financial aid and support services needs, career interests and aptitudes assessment, and an academic skill assessment.

Individual Career Plan

Develop an Individual Career Plan that serves as a road map with short and long-term goals and taking you from choosing a career to becoming employed to reaching your short and long-term career goals.

Basic & Workplace Education

Some students may need to work on their basic and workplace education skills before starting a job or entering college.

A student's Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) score is used to determine the need for GED certification, Adult Education, Basic Skill Training, and WAGE certification.

Portfolio Credit*

Get a jump start on your education by turning your life and work experience into college credit. Students can earn up to 15 credits for technical courses identified with an (*) for education and learning acquired outside the classroom.

The Career Options	The Money You Can Earn	The Training You'll Need
<p>The Career</p> <p>Nursing Assistant</p>	<p>The Money</p> <p>\$7 to \$12 an hour \$1,200 to \$1,800 per month \$14,000 - \$22,000 per year</p>	<p>The Training</p> <p>Earn a Certificate of Proficiency Take a 10-week training program that includes a clinical rotation</p>
<p>The Career</p> <p>Practical Nurse Surgical Technician</p>	<p>The Money</p> <p>\$14 to \$17 an hour \$2,400 to \$2,900 per month \$29,000 - \$35,000 per year</p>	<p>The Training</p> <p>Earn a Technical Certificate Take courses in: Human Anatomy Physiology Surgical Technology Procedures</p>
<p>The Career</p> <p>Registered Nurse Radiologic Technician Surgical Technician Respiratory Care</p>	<p>The Money</p> <p>\$10 to \$18 an hour \$1,600 to \$3,000 per month \$20,000 - \$37,000 per year</p>	<p>The Training</p> <p>Earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree Take courses in: English Composition* College Algebra* Human Anatomy Physiology Nutrition Microbiology Radiography</p>