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NURSING PROGRAM

INFORMATION

FOR ALL STUDENTS

INTERESTED IN A HEALTH CAREER

Nurse Pending students?



- A Nurse Pending Student at Gateway is a student who is taking classes so they can apply to one of the nursing programs.
- As of 5/09 there are 500+ active nurse pending students at Gateway

Top 10 Qualities of a Great Nurse



Do you see yourself in these qualities?

- 1. Communication Skills** include speaking and listening, following directions easily, understanding client's and family's needs, able to explain treatments.
- 2. Emotional Stability** to handle stress and traumatic situations, suffering, and death. Nurses must work without allowing stress to cause great personal harm.
- 3. Empathy** for the pain and suffering of clients. Able to feel compassion and provide comfort.
- 4. Good Attention to Detail** is required. Nurses must be careful not to skip steps or make errors. Every step in the medical field is one that can have far-reaching consequences.
- 5. Flexibility** with regards to working hours and responsibilities.

Top 10 Qualities of a Great Nurse (cont.)



- 6. Interpersonal Skills** help nurses work well in a variety of situations with different people especially with other nurses, doctors, and co-workers.
- 7. Physical Endurance** so a nurse can tolerate standing for long periods of time, lifting heavy objects (or people), and performing a number of taxing maneuvers on a daily basis.
- 8. Problem Solving Skills** so the nurse can think quickly and address problems as, or before, they arise.
- 9. Quick Response** to emergencies and other situations that arise.
The nurse must always be prepared.
- 10. Respect** for people and rules. Always mindful of confidentiality requirements, different cultures and traditions, with respect for the wishes of the patient.

Taken from www.monsternursing.com

Challenges of Nursing

- **High pressure, hard work**
- **Physically and emotionally draining**
- **Use needles, give shots, start IVs, draw blood.**
- **Contact with body fluids including blood, vomit, sputum, diarrhea**
- **Exposed to infectious diseases**



SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS Registered Nurse-ADN



- **Currently based on a point system that includes:**
 - **GPA from completed Nursing Curriculum Courses. 8/09 class average GPA 3.5**
 - **Individual Grades in completed Nursing Curriculum Courses**
- **A grade of “C” or higher is required in all Biological Science, Nursing and Mathematics Courses.**
- **Cumulative GPA must be 2.0 or better**
- **2 year or a 4 semester course after being accepted**
- **Application Process is Subject to Change**

ADN CLASS ADMISSION



- **Registered Nurse -ADN program – admits two classes each year**
 - **Selective Admission Application packets available twice a year. Watch your email and Gateway’s website for announcement.**
 - **September ‘09 applications will be for Spring ‘10 Admission**

ADN ADMISSION FACTS



- **3/09– 163 nurse pending students applied for Registered Nurse (ADN) program.**
 - **48 students accepted for 8/09**
- **There are no waiting lists.**
- **You must apply each time to be considered.**

SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS Practical Nurse (PN)



- **Currently based on a point system that includes:**
 - **Cumulative GPA (all coursework from Gateway)**
1/09 class average GPA 3.0
 - **Individual Grades in completed Practical Nursing Curriculum Courses**
- **A grade of “C” or higher is required in each course.**
- **Cumulative GPA must be 2.0 or better**
- **Currently 1 ½ years or 3 semester course after being accepted**
- **Application Process is Subject to Change**

PN ADMISSION FACTS



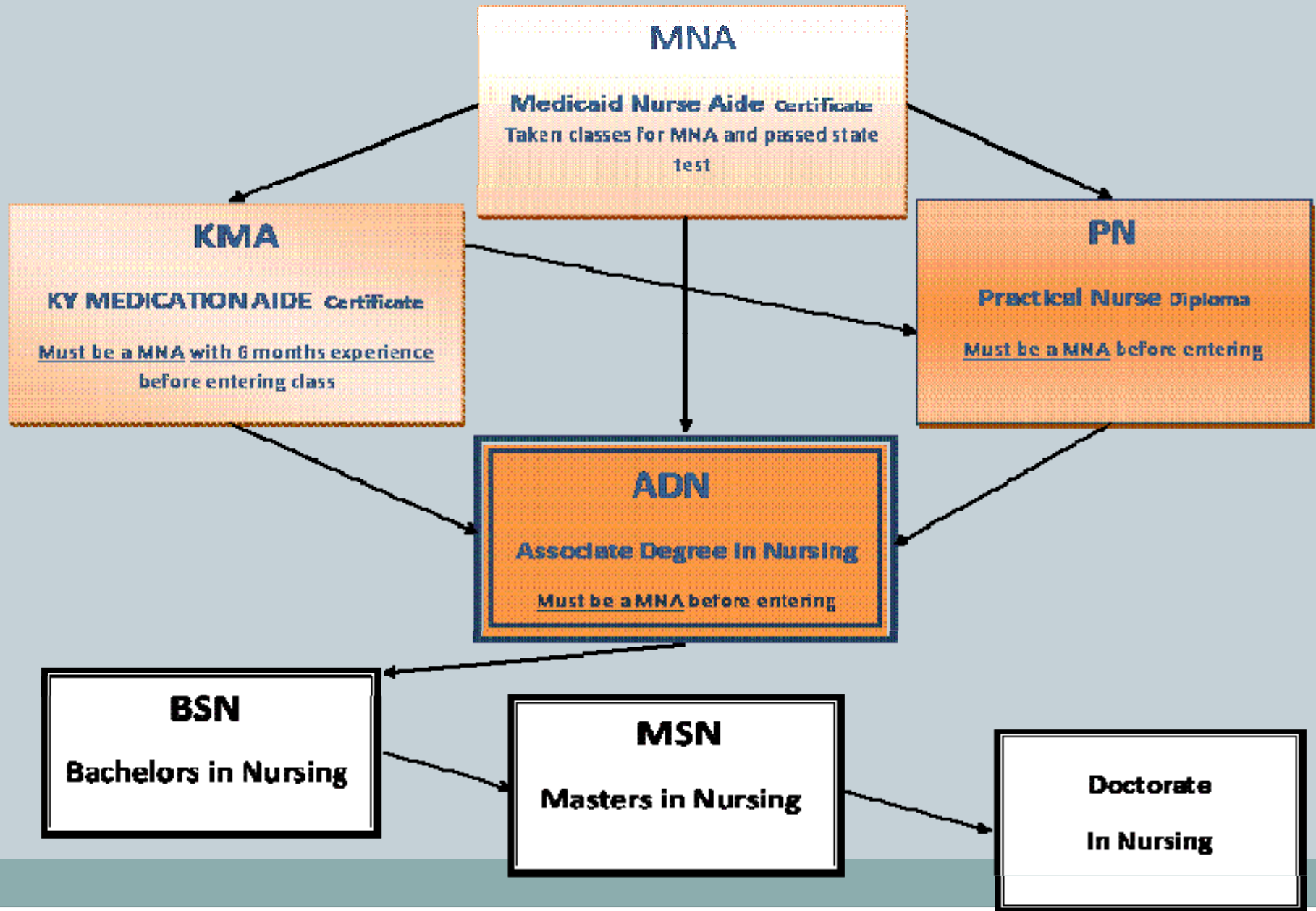
- **10/08 – 35 nurse pending students applied for the Practical Nurse (PN) program.**
 - **30 students accepted for 1/09**
- **There are no waiting lists.**
- **You must apply each time to be considered.**

Future Change in Practical Nurse (PN) program



- **Starting May 2010, program will be a 1 year or 3 semesters course after being accepted into the program**
 - **Class will start in May and finish in May**
 - Summer semester will be 8-10 weeks long
 - ✦ Extended days during summer
 - Fall and Spring semester on usual schedule
- Practical Nurses typically work in Long-term care**

NURSING CAREER PATHWAYS at GATEWAY



Medicaid Nurse Aide (CNA)



- **3 credit hour course**
- **Offered several times during each semester**
- **Required for all nursing programs**
 - **KY Medication Aide, Practical Nurse & Associate Degree Nurse**
- **Certification test afterward**
- **Passing test qualifies you to work in a nursing home**
- **Salary range \$19,000-\$25,000**
- **Scholarships are available**

Kentucky Medication Aide (KMA)

- 5 credit hour course
- Offered once or more during each semester
- Certification test afterward
- Passing test qualifies you to work in a nursing home, passing medications
- Salary range \$21,000-\$25,000
- Scholarships are available
- Good elective for Nurse pending



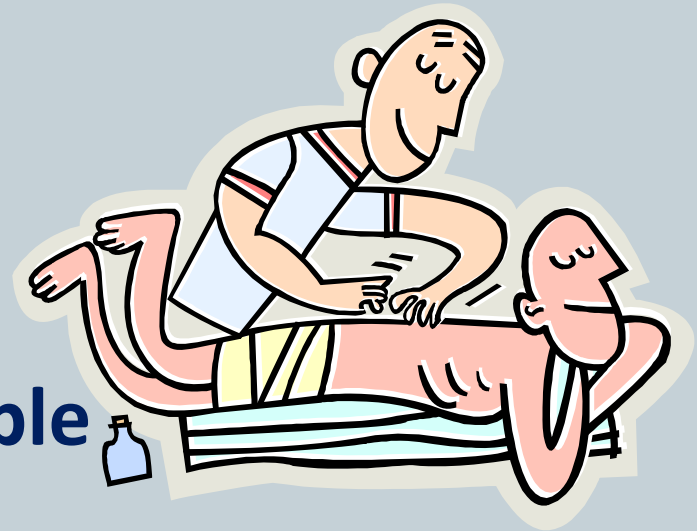
Medical Assisting

- **Diploma or Associate Degree in General Occupational/Technical Studies**
- **Takes 1 ½ to 2 years of education or 3-4 Semesters**
- **Salary range \$23,000-\$36,000**
- **Normally no nights or Holidays, some Saturdays**
- **Physician's office/Outpatient setting**
- **Amber Carter 442-4145**



Massage Therapy

- **Diploma or Associate Degree**
- **Takes 1 year of education or 2 semesters**
- **Salary \$25,000-\$65,000**
- **No nights / Holidays**
- **Multiple Work Settings possible**
- **Lance Nelson, Massage Therapy Director 442-4139**



Medical Information Technology

- Certificate, Diploma or Associate Degree available
- Takes 1 to 2 years of education or 2-4 semesters
- Several options available
- Salary Range \$21,000-\$48,000
- Hours dependent upon work setting
- Physician's office, Medical billing services ,
Hospital, Clinic or other Healthcare facilities
- Susan Chaney, Program Coordinator 442-1705



Health Connections Staff (WIA)



- **DIFFERENT FROM**

- **GATEWAY'S FINANCIAL AID**

- Financial Assistance is available for some Health Careers through Health Connections
- **Leslie Ahlers Ext. 442-4151**
- Room 118, in the Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Center in Edgewood at Gateway
- Every Monday & Wednesday

WIA Health Connections Summary

Basic Eligibility

- Kentucky residents or someone that works in Kentucky that lives in another state.
- 18 years or older.
- Students who have officially been accepted into the program they have applied to.

FAQ

- Can I be eligible for WIA if I am working? Yes.
- Can this grant be used with other financial aids (i.e. Pell Grant, scholarships)? Yes.
- If deemed eligible, how much is the WIA grant for? \$7,000.
- What is the next step? Call Leslie Ahlers at 442-4151 to set up an appointment

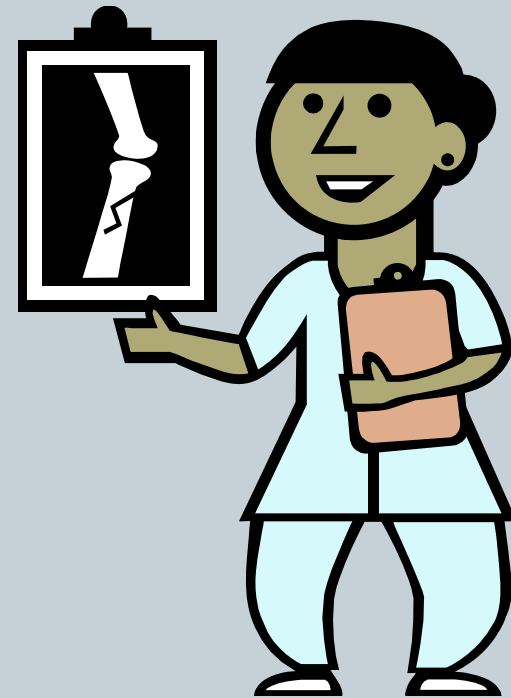
Other Health Career Options

- **North Central Area
Health Education Center
Handouts - Listing of all
local health careers at:
Universities**

http://www.nckyahec.org/documents/career_matrix_updates- college and universities.pdf

Community colleges

http://www.nckyahec.org/documents/career_matrix_updates - community colleges.pdf



Learn More About Health Careers

- There are hundreds of health careers –many jobs you may not have heard about
- This web site organizes Health careers into fields that focus on specific areas of health care or certain types of patients

EHC can help:

- Go to www.ExploreHealthCareers.org
- Look for 'Career Explorer'
- Click on **field** to see a list of **health careers**



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu at the top: Home, About Us, Getting Started, Career Explorer, Profiles, and Issues. The main heading is "Explore HEALTH Careers." with a sub-heading "Do some". Below this is the "Career Explorer" section, which states: "Everything you want to know about a wide variety of health careers. (Click field headings below.)" A list of fields is provided, each with a small square icon: Allied Health Professions, Arts & Humanities in Health, Complementary & Alternative Medicine, Dentistry, Health Administration/Management, Informatics, Medicine, Mental Health, Nursing, and Occupational Therapy. To the right, there is a "CAREER PROFILE" section for "Pharmacy Technicians" with tabs for "Overview" and "Working Conditions". The "Overview" tab is selected, showing a description: "Pharmacy technicians work under direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist and perform many pharmacy-related functions. They refer any question regarding prescriptions, drug information, health matters to a pharmacist. Pharmacy technicians work in a wide variety of practice settings, including community pharmacies."

Free Career Consultation



Career Counselors:

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Barb Witte barbara.witte@kctcs.edu 442-4179

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FREE FOR NURSE PENDING STUDENTS

Enroll in Nurse Pending eCommunity



- Want to keep current with Nurse pending info?
- Enroll in the Nurse Pending Blackboard site. This site is under construction but has information for anyone who is considered Nurse pending or nursing. All suggestions on content will be appreciated.
- To log onto Blackboard: from Gateways website go to GCTC W.A.Y.S then to Blackboard

Nurse Pending eCommunity (cont.)



- Click on eCommunity
- Go to organization catalog
- Click on “Browse organization catalog”
- Search under “Name” “contains” “gateway nurse pending” Click on submit
- An email will be sent to the “leaders” and they will enroll you into the site. This may take a few days.

Nurse Pending eCommunity (cont.)



- Return later and click on eCommunity
- You should see [Gateway Nurse Pending Students](#) listed under “My Organizations Plus”
- Browse through the organization. You can leave general questions on the Discussion board but if you have specific questions about your situation please contact your advisor.



**for your attention and have
a great year!**

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