

Kansas Nursing School Guide

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR QUICK-REFERENCE & NAVIGATION GUIDE

KANSASNURSINGSCHOOLS.COM

GETTING STARTED: HOMEPAGE

Open the site:

kansasnursingschools.com

"Tell us who you are":

Select the student's profile type. The site redirects to the most relevant search and resources.

Using the search tool:

1. Select student type
2. Apply filters
3. Browse results
4. Share with student/family

Browse all programs: Click 'Browse all nurse education options in Kansas for a complete and unfiltered overview of all programs.

Top navigation: Hamburger navigation menu is always visible in the top, right corner. Navigate with ease.

Visual navigation: Photos on the lower portion of the site help you jump to any section instantly from any page.

NAVIGATION: WHAT'S ON EACH PAGE?

Intro to Nursing Careers:

Answers, "what type of nurse could I be?" specialties, settings, licenses, certifications

Kansas Nursing Schools:

Directory of all approved nursing programs in Kansas

Nursing Degree Options:

Explains the nursing degree progression from CNA>PN>ADN>BSN>MSN>DNP

Nursing School Resources:

Links to nursing scholarships, financial aid, regulatory, associations, etc.

Workforce Statistics:

Kansas salary, employment and demand data

Things to Consider:

Practical guide on choosing a program, designed for students

NURSING DEGREE LADDER: MAKING SENSE OF THE OPTIONS

CNA: Certified Nursing Assistant - weeks of training, assists licensed nurses with bedside care

PN: Practical Nurse - 9-12 months of training, eligible for NCLEX-PN certification and practice as an LPN

ADN: Associate Degree in Nursing - 2 years of school, eligible for NCLEX-RN certification and practice as an RN

BSN: Bachelor's Degree in Nursing - 4 years of school, eligible for NCLEX-RN certification and practice as an RN

MSN and DNP: Master's of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice - advanced clinical nursing degrees, eligible for APRN certification

THINGS TO CONSIDER: PREPPING FOR NURSING SCHOOL

Know their Why: Ask why they're drawn to nursing; motivation drives decisions.

Shadow/Volunteer: Consider hands-on exposure to confirm nursing is a good fit before applying to school.

Degree Level: Knowing which level helps narrow the path.

Schedule & Style: Consider full-time vs. part-time study, in-person, online, or hybrid class formats.

Location: On-campus, commuter, or remote? Close to home or far away?

Academic Prep: Check GPA and prerequisite requirements.

Campus Visits: Visit to confirm culture fit.

Financial Aid: Many programs are covered by Kansas nursing scholarships!

ADVISING YOUR STUDENTS: BY STUDENT TYPE

Middle School: Intro to nursing careers to spark specialty exploration; Things to Consider for academic thinking

High School: Degree Options to understand the ladder; Things to Consider for preparation and finances; School Search to browse all options

Ready to Apply: Kansas Nursing Schools directory or School Search tool. Pair with Degree Options to confirm choice.

Career Changer: Select 'Adults with Degree/ Coursework' OR 'Career Changer' for non-traditional students. Check Workforce Statistics.

Parents: Share 'Things to Consider' and Workforce Statistics to build confidence.