



# INTEGRATED NURSING PATHWAY (INP Program)

RRCC → CU COLLEGE OF NURSING



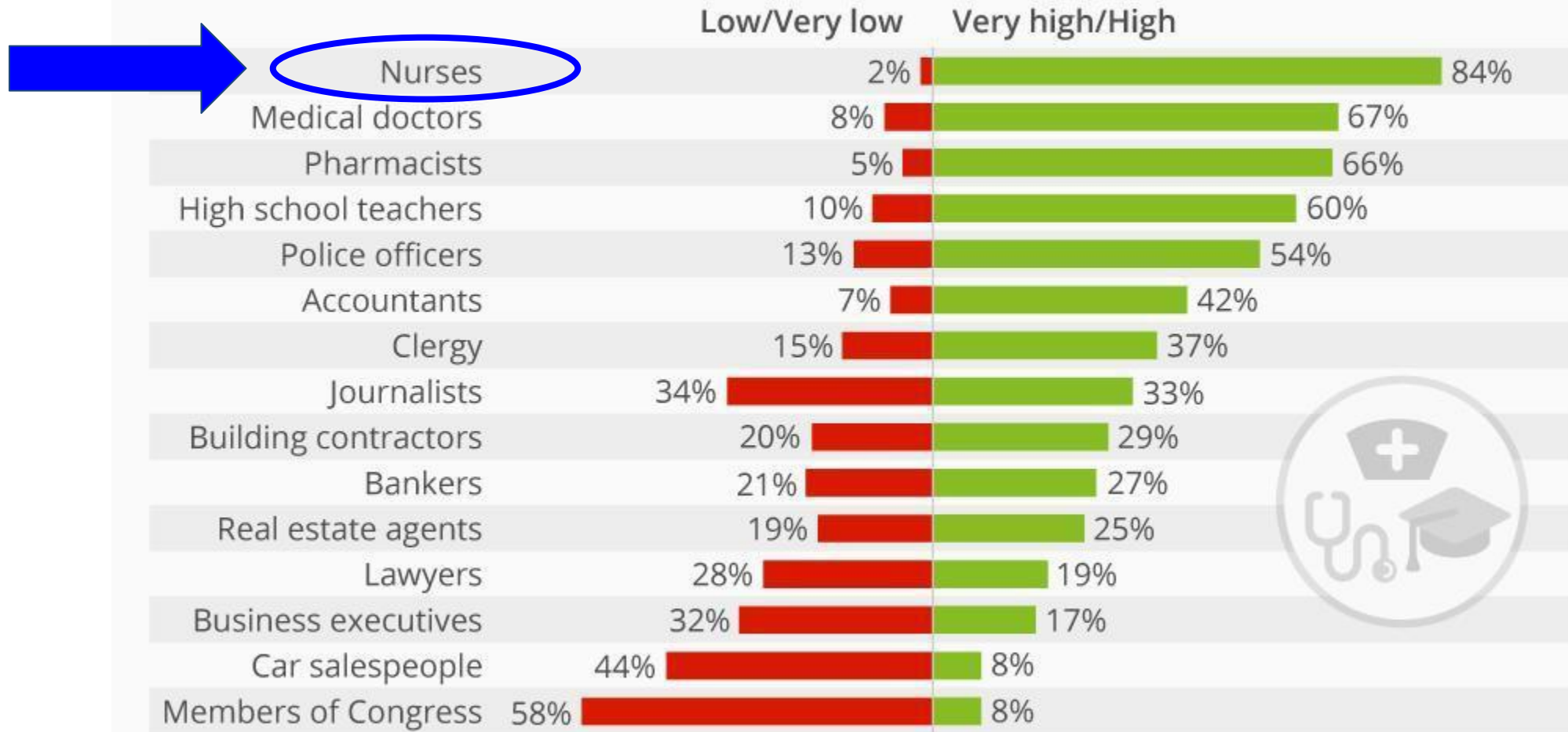
College of Nursing  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

# NURSING AS A CAREER

- Helping professional
- Patient advocate
- Making a difference
- Skills needed:
  - Team player
  - Technical skills
  - Communication skills
  - Critical thinking

# America's Most & Least Trusted Professions

Rating of selected U.S. professions in terms of honesty and ethical standards in 2018



# PROJECTED SALARY



## In Colorado:

- Workers on average earn **\$76,500**.
- 10% of workers earn **\$55,820** or less.
- 10% of workers earn **\$104,070** or more.

## In the United States:

- Workers on average earn **\$75,330**.
- 10% of workers earn **\$53,410** or less.
- 10% of workers earn **\$116,230** or more.

# PROJECTED ANNUAL JOB GROWTH

<b>State</b>	<b>Employment</b>		<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Projected Annual Job Openings*</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2028</b>		
Colorado	53,000	68,630	+30%	4,810

<b>National</b>	<b>Employment</b>		<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Projected Annual Job Openings*</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2028</b>		
United States	3,080,100	3,356,800	+9%	194,500

# INP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- RRCC & CU Nursing partnership
- Cohort model (15 students accepted into RRCC cohort/year)
- Prerequisites and 1st year at RRCC, then transition to CU for 2nd and 3rd year of program (total ~4 years)
  - Year 1: take 9 prerequisite courses and apply to INP program
  - Year 2: if accepted, begin first year of INP study at RRCC
  - Year 3: transition to CU Anschutz campus and join other nursing students
  - Year 4: finish studies at CU Anschutz campus

# EXCLUSIONS

## **Not eligible for INP program if...**

- You have a previous Bachelor's or Master's degree
- You have RN or LPN licensure

## **What is OK?**

- Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomist
- Any Associate Degree

# NINE PREREQUISITES

(taken within 10 years of applying)

- ENG 121, College Composition I
  - ENG 121 is the only class that can be over ten years old at time of application
- BIO 111, General College Biology
- CHE 101, Intro to Chemistry
- MAT 135, Intro to Statistics
- MAT 121, College Algebra (or higher)
- PSY 101, General Psychology I
- SOC 101, Intro to Sociology
- HWE 100, Human Nutrition
- One GTA H1 or GTA H2 course
  - GTA H=Guaranteed Transfer Arts & Humanities

Prerequisites must be completed by no later than May of the same semester that you apply.



# STRATEGIES TO BE COMPETITIVE

- A's and B's in science prerequisites
  - BIO 111
  - CHE 101
- Keep your GPA at 3.0 or higher for all prerequisites
  - Overall GPA is also looked at
- Develop your writing skills (Writing Center)
- Practice interpersonal communication skills (Communications Lab)
- Practice interviewing skills (Career Success Center)
- Majority of prerequisites completed at a Colorado Community College
- In state residency at time of application

# ACCELERATED CREDITS

INP students may be eligible to fulfill prerequisite credits by transfer in accelerated credits through:

- CLEP exams
- AP exams
- IB exams

[Download CLEP, AP, and IB guides here to review guidelines.](#)

Note: credits accepted by RRCC are not guaranteed to be accepted by CU CON.

# WHAT NOT TO TAKE

## Courses that are part of first year of program

- ENG 122, College Composition II
- BIO 201, A & P I
- BIO 202, A & P II
- BIO 204, Microbiology
- PSY 235, Human Growth and Development
- HIS 247, Contemporary World History
- ANT 250, Medical Anthropology
- PHI 112, Ethics

If you do take these, you will only be eligible to exempt one course each of your first two semesters.

There may be financial aid implications for exempted or repeated courses.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31 (apply early - especially for references and transcripts)
- Nursing CAS: <https://nursingcas.org/>
- \$55 application fee
- Personal statement
- Two letters of reference (one academic)
- Resume
- International students are required to submit proof of English language proficiency - contact CU College of Nursing for more details

# WRITTEN ESSAYS

- Use the writing process - draft, feedback, revise
- Read NursingCAS instructions carefully
- Utilize the RRCC Writing Center - this is a resource you pay for in your tuition!
  - Writing Center - in person, both Lakewood and Arvada
  - Online Writing Lab
- Spontaneous, timed writing sample may be required as part of application process

# INTERVIEW SKILLS

- Practice interview skills:
  - Conduct mock interviews with Career Success Center
  - Use the Communications Lab (Lakewood Learning Commons)
- Consider:
  - Time management
  - Communication
  - Problem solving
  - Critical thinking
  - Leadership skills
- Group activity:
  - Google “nursing school interviews” or similar
  - Read student blogs to learn about experiences from other applicants

# TIMELINE

- Application closes March 31
- Students notified about interviews by late April
- Interviews scheduled in mid- to late May
- Final acceptance decisions made in early July
- Fall 2022 - classes start at RRCC

# AFTER ACCEPTANCE - Year 1 at RRCC

## Fall Semester (14 credits)

- BIO 201, Human Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIO 204, Microbiology
- ENG 122, English Composition II
- PHI 112, Ethics

## Spring Semester (16 credits)

- BIO 202, Human Anatomy & Physiology II
- ANT 250, Medical Anthropology
- PSY 235, Human Growth and Development
- HIS 247, Contemporary World History
- NUR 213, Pathway to Professional Nursing



# END OF FIRST YEAR

- Graduate from Red Rocks with Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree
- Transition to CU College of Nursing at the Anschutz Medical Campus
- Must maintain a minimum 3.0 prerequisite + year one GPA in order to transition
  - Minimum grade of C required in each course

# COST OF PROGRAM

## At Red Rocks

- \$9500 tuition & fees (with COF) – at 2021-22 costs (includes 9 prerequisite courses) = 62 credits
- Books for 18 courses at *estimated* \$200 per course = \$3600
- Estimated total at RRCC at current rates = **\$13,100**

## At CU CON

- **\$36,000-\$38,000** (roughly which includes fees, books and supplies for six semesters) – at current prices. Does not include health insurance. *\$445 per credit for CO residents who receive the COF discount.*

***HRSA: Scholarships, Grants and Loan Repayment Options: <https://www.hrsa.gov/>***

# TRANSITION TO CU CON

- Block scheduling
- Cohort: 170 students at Anschutz Medical Campus
- Clinical education and compliance
- Program expectations
- Working while in the program
- Leave of Absence

# WHAT IF MY APPLICATION IS NOT SUCCESSFUL?

- Apply to the University of Colorado Traditional Nursing Program
- Apply to other nearby Nursing Programs:
  - Metropolitan State University of Denver
  - University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
  - University of Northern Colorado
  - Front Range and Arapahoe Community College (ADN Bridge to BSN)
  - Regis
  - Advent Health University
  - Colorado Christian University
  - Denver College of Nursing
- DORA List of approved Nursing programs:
  - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-K5DhxXxJZbM3NHdHh3Q1ZHUWs/view?pli=1>

# CHECK OUR WEBSITES

For updates, revisions, and frequently asked questions:

- RRCC:
  - <https://www.rrcc.edu/integrated-nursing-pathway>
- CU CON:
  - <https://nursing.cuanschutz.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/bachelors-program/Integrated-Nursing-Pathway>

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QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!