KENTUCKY NURSE WORKFORCE INFORMATION

The Kentucky Nursing Workforce Coalition was developed in 2009 as a statewide initiative to advocate and act with one voice to advance nursing workforce capacity to meet the health care needs of the Commonwealth. This effort will implement various cooperative efforts to address the shortage of nurses in Kentucky and means to increase nursing education capacity.

- Kentucky has a nursing vacancy rate of 7%, which is below the national rate.
- According to a 2011 Board of Nursing report, within Kentucky there are:
  - 57,347 active licensed RNs and 14,682 LPNs.
  - The highest nursing degrees obtained were 5.7% diploma graduates, 53% ADN, 31.2% BSN, 9.5% MSN and .6% doctoral prepared.
  - 52% of licensed nurses are employed by acute care hospitals.
- As of June 30, 2010, there were a total of 15 baccalaureate nursing (BSN) programs, 38 associate degree (ADN) programs, and 34 practical nursing (PN) programs approved by the KY Board of Nursing.
- For FY 2009-2010, Kentucky pass rate averages were 90% for BSN programs, 88% for ADN programs, and 93% for PN programs. National pass rate averages were 83% for BSN programs, 80% for ADN programs, and 87% for PN programs.

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