Biennial Survey of Schools of Nursing
Survey Highlights 2017-2018

Applications

235,038
Number of applications to basic RN programs

51,377
Number of qualified applications not accepted in basic RN Programs

Status of Applications to Basic RN Programs

Accepted 45%
Qualified not Accepted 22%
Not Qualified 33%

69% of nursing schools experienced obstacles to admitting additional students such as lack of faculty, clinical placements, and limited budgets

Qualified Applications Turned Away from Nursing Programs

PN/VN 27%
ADN 38%
Diploma 29%
BSN 29%
BSRN 4%
MSN 9%
Doctorate 15%
Younger Students Entering Doctoral Programs

- Proportion of students under age 30 enrolled in doctoral nursing programs: 22%
- Increase in proportion of students under age 30 entering nursing programs in 2018 compared to 2016: 6%

Enrolled Nursing Students by Age and Sex

- Age Under 25: 34%
- Ages 26-30: 23%
- Ages 31-40: 24%
- Ages 41-50: 12%
- Ages 51-60: 6%
- Age 61 & Over: 1%

- Male: 13%
- Female: 87%

Percent of Underrepresented Students Enrolled in Basic RN Programs

- Underrepresented students enrolled in basic RN programs: 31%
- Increase in proportion of underrepresented students enrolled in 2018 compared to 2016: 4%

Underrepresented Students Enrolled in Basic RN Programs by Race

- African American: 11.8%
- Hispanic: 9.8%
- Asian or Pacific Islander: 4.5%
- American Indian: 0.6%
- Other/Unknown: 2.6%