Biennial Survey of Schools of Nursing Survey Highlights 2019-2020

Applications

178,003
Number of applications to basic RN programs

36,432
Number of qualified applications not accepted in basic RN programs

Status of Applications to Basic RN Programs

Accepted - 45%
Qualified not Accepted - 20%
Not Qualified - 35%

46%
of nursing schools cited lack of clinical placement settings as the primary impediment to admitting qualified applicants.

Qualified Applications Turned Away from Nursing Programs

PN/VN 25%
ADN 35%
Diploma 17%
BSN 29%
BSRN 1%
MSN 12%
Doctorate 23%
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#### Younger Students Entering Doctoral Programs

- **16%** Proportion of students under age 30 enrolled in doctoral nursing programs
- **4%** Decrease in a proportion of students under age 30 entering doctoral nursing programs in 2020 compared to 2018

#### Enrolled Nursing Students by Age and Sex

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<th>Age Group</th>
<th>Male</th>
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<td>Age Under 25</td>
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#### Percent of Underrepresented Students Enrolled in Basic RN Programs

- **30.9%** Underrepresented students enrolled in basic RN programs
- **0.2%** Increase in proportion of underrepresented students enrolled in 2020 compared to 2018

#### Underrepresented Students Enrolled in Basic RN Programs by Race

- **11.2%** African American
- **11.0%** Hispanic
- **4.7%** Asian or Pacific Islander
- **0.5%** American Indian
- **3.5%** Other/Unknown

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This report is compiled from data provided by 383 schools of nursing, 37 percent of 1,049 NLN member schools. Details are available online at NLN.org/newsroom/nursing-education-statistics.