

General Description

This program offers the graduate an Associate of Science degree (AS) which is approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing and designed to prepare graduates for sitting for the licensure exam. Graduation from the nursing program does not guarantee eligibility to write licensure exam. Eligibility is determined on an individual basis by Missouri State Board of Nursing based on the Missouri Nursing Practice Act section 335.006 (1-15). The nursing program is a multiple entry, limited admission program. A grade point average of 2.75 and a minimum ACT composite score of 19 are required of all students. Students without previous nursing education (those NOT licensed practical nurses) enter the program at Level 1. These students must be high school graduates with a 2.75 GPA or have a GED of at least 275, and must complete general biology or general zoology and chemistry prior to beginning the nursing program in the spring. LPN's are given credit for the first year of nursing classes and may enter at Level II. LPN's entering with advanced standing must have a valid license to practice, be Missouri IV certified, and must have completed at least Anatomy and Physiology, Survey of Chemistry, and General Psychology before beginning the second level nursing sequence. Applications for both levels are accepted from April 1 to August 15.

Industry Trends

	<u>Jobs Per Region</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Local *	4,357	\$20.67
State	136,858	\$22.47
National	2,690,300	\$26.27

Note: Salaries are the median and are NOT starting wages.

Overall this career field is expected to increase by 33.96 % by the year 2017.

For more detailed information on this career, visit www.bls.gov/oco/, <http://ded.mo.gov/researchandplanning/>, www.acinet.org, or <http://www.crowder.edu/careerservices.html>.

* Local includes 7 most SW counties in Missouri, 4 most NW counties in Arkansas, 3 most NE counties in Oklahoma, and 4 most SE counties in Kansas.

Career Options

Nurse – hospital, public health, schools, industry/occupational, home health, physician's office, nursing home, government, and outpatient care centers.

As part of this educational program, students will participate in clinicals that give students the actual experience of working in a hospital setting.

Employment Resources

The need for nurses is so great that successful graduates are sought after even before they graduate through Crowder's Nursing Dept.

Transfer? Yes No

Transfer Options – While graduates are job ready once they are licensed, transfer to a four-year college is an option. Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, MO Missouri State University, Springfield, MO
Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS

For more transfer information, go to <http://www.crowder.edu/careerservices.html>.

Resume on file with Career & Transfer Services? Yes No

Log onto **greathires.org** to register with Missouri's Workforce Resource for access to thousands of Missouri jobs that can be searched for by title, skill set, field of study, or zip code? Yes No

For further information, contact:
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