Nursing Career Pathway

High School Diploma
or
High School Equiavalent

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

CNA

Education: high school, vocational school or workplace training program

Program length:
6 weeks to 2 months

Average Salary (WV; 2020):
$25,501

There are two paths to becoming an RN

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

LPN

Education: vocational school or college

Program length:
9 to 12 months

Average Salary (WV; 2020):
$36,774

ASN / ADN

RN

Education: college or university

Program length:
2 years

Average Salary (WV; 2020):
$57,483

BSN

RN

Education: college or university

Program length:
4 years

Average Salary (WV; 2020):
$57,483

Key

Direct entry program from high school

Bridge Program to allow nurses with previous licensure to gain additional credentials

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