



Post-Webinar Information



Overview of Nursing Careers

Nurses play a critical role in patient care, offering both medical expertise and compassionate support. Halifax Community College offers programs for various nursing roles, including:

- **Associate Degree Nursing (ADN):** Prepares students for RN licensure and entry-level nursing positions in various healthcare settings.
- **Practical Nursing (PN):** Prepares students for LPN licensure, working in long-term care, rehabilitation, and outpatient facilities.
- **Nurse Aide (NA):** Provides foundational skills for assisting nurses with patient care in hospitals, nursing homes, and home health settings.
- **Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP):** Financial aid for those aiming to become nursing faculty.

Discussion Questions

1. **What part of the nurse's role or responsibilities surprised you the most during the webinar?**
 - This question encourages participants to reflect on new information presented and identify any misconceptions they may have had about nursing roles.
2. **What skills or qualities mentioned by the guest speaker do you already possess, and which ones do you need to develop?**
 - Helps participants assess their current skill set and think about how to prepare for a career in nursing.
3. **How did the guest speaker describe their impact on patient care? What stood out to you about their role in the healthcare team?**
 - This question emphasizes the vital role nurses play in healthcare outcomes and teamwork.
4. **What educational path did the guest speaker take, and how does that compare to what you expected?**
 - Prompts participants to reflect on the academic and certification requirements for nurses and how they can plan their educational journey.
5. **What challenges did the guest speaker mention, and how do you think you would handle those challenges if you were in their position?**
 - Encourages students to think about the real-world challenges of a nursing career and how they might approach them

Activities

1. Guest Speaker Reflection Essay

- Have students write a reflective essay discussing the key takeaways from the webinar. They should address what they learned about the nursing role, the skills required, and whether they see nursing as a good fit for their future.

2. Career Research Project

- Assign a project where students research another nursing role (e.g., Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Educator) and compare it to a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) role. They should highlight the differences in responsibilities, education, and career advancement opportunities.

3. Pros and Cons List

- Have students create a pros and cons list of pursuing a nursing career based on what they learned from the webinar. Encourage them to consider the work environment, advancement opportunities, and potential challenges. This will help them make a more informed decision about whether nursing is the right career for them.

Other Resources

Healthcare Scholarships in Northeastern North Carolina:

Explore local healthcare scholarships for students pursuing nursing and related fields in healthcare. For more information, visit: <https://nencpathways.org/uncategorized/healthcare-scholarships/>

Source: *NENC Pathways*

Health Careers Information and Opportunities:

Access resources from Area L AHEC to learn more about healthcare careers and scholarship opportunities. Visit: <https://www.arealahec.org/health-careers/>

Source: *Area L AHEC*

NCcareers.org – Nursing Careers in North Carolina:

Provides detailed job profiles for nursing careers, including salary data, job growth, and educational requirements. Visit: <https://nccareers.org>

Source: *NCcareers.org*

O*Net Online – Registered Nurses:

Find more information about the role of Registered Nurses, including job responsibilities and skills required. Visit: <https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-1141.00>

Source: *O*Net Online*

National Council of State Boards of Nursing – Licensure Exams (NCLEX-RN & NCLEX-PN):

Learn more about the NCLEX exams for becoming a licensed nurse, including preparation tips and testing requirements. Visit: <https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm>

Source: *National Council of State Boards of Nursing*

American Nurses Association – Nursing Practice and Standards:

Access resources and information about nursing practice standards, certifications, and continuing education. Visit: <https://www.nursingworld.org/practice-policy/nursing-excellence/>

Source: *American Nurses Association (ANA)*

Halifax Community College – Nursing Programs:

Learn more about the nursing programs offered at Halifax Community College, including ADN, PN, and Nurse Aide programs.

Visit: <https://halifaxcc.edu/what-we-offer/programs-training/nursing-adn-lpn-nurse-aid-nfp/>

Source: *Halifax Community College*

