

# Nursing Student Survey for Advanced Education Report

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## Abstract and Memo:

The following report was an update to a 2010 survey administered in the same fashion. Data were collected via web link and aggregated into this report for the use of Illinois Community Colleges. This survey was to obtain students' objectives in pursuit of an Associates of Applied Sciences degree in Nursing and their subsequent educational plans and preferences. Data were collected between August 28<sup>th</sup> 2012 and October 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the institutions in which the students were enrolled. Development and reporting efforts of the data within were through combined efforts of Kishwaukee College: Malta, Illinois and College of Lake County: Grayslake, Illinois. All Colleges participating in the data gathering/survey refinement are extended deep appreciation for their efforts.

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- A total of 2,744 Associate of Applied Sciences Registered Nursing students from Illinois responded to the survey. The results from all institutions have been aggregated in this report. Independent results disaggregated by institution have been included separately.
- Q1: Regarding RN students' reasoning for pursuing an ADN, 74.8% of students listed "Cost," making it the most common reason. "Location" came 2<sup>nd</sup> with 69.9% indicating this reason. "Family Obligations" was the least common reason with 27.5% indicating this as a factor.
- Q2 & Q3: 86.7% of RN students indicated that they do intend to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. Of those who did not intend to do so, 50% indicated "Cost" as the reason, making it the most common. "Already have Another degree" was close to "Family Obligations" for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> most common reasons respectively.
- Q4, Q5 & Q6: 92% indicated that they will be able to complete a BSN within 10 years if it were made mandatory. "Cost" and "Family Obligations" were noted as the most frequent issues for those indicating "No." 78% would start their BSN within 5 years and 11% were "Unsure".
- Q7 & Q8: Regarding the pursuit of a Master's degree in Nursing, 52.3% indicated "Yes." Amongst those who did not intend to pursue a MSN, "Cost" and "No Desire" were the top reasons, 49% and 45% respectively.
- Q9 & Q10: 33.1% of RN students indicated holding a degree in another field. Amongst these students, 55% indicated a "Bachelor's Degree" as their highest level of education. 38% indicated possessing an "Associate's Degree."
- Q11: Regarding innovation, 61.7% of students expressed an interest in options other than a BSN, such as a program that would move them from ADN to MSN.
- Q12: Regarding learning environment, 59% students prefer a mix of face-to-face (classroom/lab) and online coursework. 23% indicated preferring "Online only."
- Q13: Students aged 25 to 31 were the single largest group at 29.5%. 18-24 year olds composed 26.1%, and 32-38 year olds composed 20.4%.
- Q14 & Q15: Just over ½ of students were "Single" and about 88% indicated "Female" gender.
- Q16 and Q17: 59% of students indicated that they currently utilize financial aid (loans, grants, and scholarships) to fund their education. 57.9% indicated that they would need financial aid to continue beyond an ADN, and about 30% were "Unsure."

### ***Notable changes from 2010 Survey:***

- Responses: There were 152 fewer responses to the 2012 survey than the 2010 survey. Analyses showed that the data pool was quite different than the 2010 report.
  - Colleges significantly more represented were: Blackhawk College, Carl Sandburg College, CCC-Truman College, College of DuPage, College of Lake County, Illinois Central College, Illinois Valley Community College, John A. Logan College, Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, McHenry County College, Parkland College, Waubensee Community College, and William Rainey Harper College
  - College significantly less/not at all represented were: CCC-Richard J Daley College, Danville Area Community College, Elgin Community College, Heartland Community College, John Wood Community College, Kaskaskia College, Kishwaukee College, Lewis and Clark Community College, Lincoln Land Community College, Morton College, Rend Lake College, Rock Valley College, Shawnee College, Southwestern Illinois College, South Suburban College, and Triton College.
    - Given this, these data should be interpreted carefully.
- Q1: “Cost” and “Location” both rose about 5% in primary reasons students chose to obtain an ADN. “Time to Complete Program” fell about 6%.
- Q2: Students intending to obtain their BSN rose 10% from the 2010 survey.
- Q3: Among students with no intention of obtaining their BSN, “Already have another Degree” rose about 10%, but “Cost” was still the most frequent reason in 2012.
- Q4 & Q5: If required, the same proportion (about 9/10) would be able to pursue a BSN. However, among those indicating “No,” there was an increase in “Already have Another Degree” and “No Desire” and a decrease in “Inconvenient Hours” and “Family Obligations” as reasons.
- Q7 & Q8: There was about a 7% decrease in those intending to complete a MSN. “Cost” and “No Desire” were the top responses in both years.
- Q12: Amongst those intending to pursue a BSN or MSN, there was about a 9% increase in “Online only” learning style preference.

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Please indicate the primary Community College that you currently attend.

	Blackhawk College	Carl Sandburg College	CCC-Kennedy-King College	CCC-Malcolm X College	CCC-Olive Harvey College	CCC-Richard J Daley College	CCC-Truman College	CCC-Wilbur Wright College
Community College:	69	70	0	0	1	0	123	14
	College of DuPage	College of Lake County	Danville Community College	Elgin Community College	Heartland Community College	Highland Community College	Illinois Central College	Illinois Eastern Community College
Community College:	116	160	39	1	24	0	186	197
	Illinois Valley Community College	John A. Logan College	John Wood Community College	Joliet Junior College	Kankakee Community College	Kaskaskia College	Kishwaukee College	Lake Land College
Community College:	142	38	13	242	127	16	49	0
	Lewis and Clark Community College	Lincoln Land Community College	McHenry County College	Moraine Valley Community College	Morton College	Oakton Community College	Parkland College	Prairie State College
Community College:	153	117	59	46	0	159	134	94
	Rend Lake College	Richland Community College	Robert Morris College	Rock Valley College	Sauk Valley Community College	Shawnee College	Southwestern Illinois College	South Suburban College
Community College:	1	40	0	0	66	0	0	0
	Southeastern Illinois College	Spoon River College	Trinity College	Triton College	Waubensee Community College	William Rainey Harper College	Response Count	
Community College:	0	61	1	0	103	83	2744	

**1. Why did you choose an Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. Please check all that apply.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Cost		74.8%	1,992
Location		69.9%	1,862
Convenience		54.8%	1,460
Family Obligations		27.5%	732
Reputation of the Program		51.0%	1,358
Time to Complete the Program		45.3%	1,207
Career Change		36.2%	964
Other (please specify)		5.3%	142
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>2,664</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>101</b>

**2. Do you plan to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (BSN)?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		86.7%	2,296
No		13.3%	352
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>2,648</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>117</b>

**3. If "No," please indicate why. Please check all that apply.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Cost		50.3%	177
Location		13.1%	46
Inconvenient Hours		15.9%	56
Already have Another Degree		35.8%	126
Family Obligations		34.1%	120
No Desire		21.3%	75
Other (please specify)		23.0%	81
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>352</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>2,413</b>

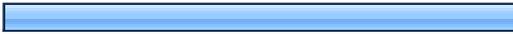
**4. If the state of Illinois requires a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing within 10 years after RN licensure, will you be able to meet that requirement?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		92.3%	2,438
No		7.7%	204
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>2,642</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>123</b>

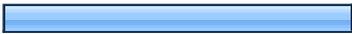
**5. If "No," please indicate why. Please check all that apply.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Cost		78.9%	165
Location		23.0%	48
Inconvenient Hours		28.7%	60
Already have Another Degree		17.7%	37
Family Obligations		57.4%	120
No Desire		18.7%	39
Other (please specify)		15.8%	33
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>209</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>2,556</b>

**6. How soon after completing your Associate Degree program will you pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Currently enrolled		1.2%	32
1-5 years		77.6%	2,046
6-10 years		2.3%	61
Greater than 10 years		0.6%	17
Unsure		11.1%	292
Do not intend to pursue		7.2%	189
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>2,637</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>128</b>

### 7. Do you plan to obtain a Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		52.3%	1,374
No		47.7%	1,253
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>2,627</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>138</b>

### 8. If "No," please indicate why. Please check all that apply.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Cost		49.4%	609
Location		9.6%	118
Inconvenient Hours		11.2%	138
Already have Another Degree		8.1%	100
Family Obligations		33.3%	410
No Desire		44.9%	554
Other (please specify)		15.4%	190
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,233</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>1,532</b>

**9. Do you currently hold a degree in another field?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		33.1%	867
No		66.9%	1,756
answered question			2,623
skipped question			142

**10. Please indicate the highest degree that you hold.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Associates Degree		38.0%	329
<b>Bachelors Degree</b>		55.0%	476
Masters Degree		7.0%	61
Doctorate Degree		0.0%	0
answered question			866
skipped question			1,899

**11. Are you interested in options other than a BSN such as ADN to MSN?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		61.7%	1,606
No		38.3%	999
answered question			2,605
skipped question			160

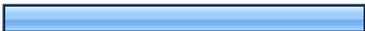
## 12. If you are planning to obtain a BSN or MSN, what is your learning preference?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Online only		22.6%	587
Face to face only		11.2%	291
<b>Mix of online and face to face</b>		<b>59.0%</b>	<b>1,532</b>
Not Applicable		7.2%	186
<b>answered question</b>			<b>2,596</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>169</b>

## 13. Please indicate your age range:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18		0.0%	1
18 to 24		26.1%	680
<b>25 to 31</b>		<b>29.5%</b>	<b>769</b>
32 to 38		20.4%	533
39 to 45		15.2%	397
46 to 52		7.0%	183
Over 52		1.8%	46
<b>answered question</b>			<b>2,609</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>156</b>

**14. Please indicate your marital status:**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Married		45.6%	1,188
Single		54.4%	1,418
		answered question	2,606
		skipped question	159

**15. Please indicate your gender:**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		12.5%	325
Female		87.5%	2,281
		answered question	2,606
		skipped question	159

**16. Do you currently receive financial aid (Scholarships, Grants, Federal Loans) to attend your nursing program?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		59.0%	1,538
No		41.0%	1,068
		answered question	2,606
		skipped question	159

**17. Will you require financial aid to pursue a BSN or MSN?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		57.9%	1,510
No		8.9%	233
Unsure		29.5%	771
Not Applicable (no intention to pursue)		3.7%	96
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>2,610</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>155</b>

**18. Please provide any general comments regarding your nursing program or context for your answers:**

		Response Count
		588
		<b>answered question</b>
		<b>588</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>
		<b>2,177</b>