High School Diploma or Equivalent*

- **Licensed Practical Nurse** (Licensed Vocational Nurse) (LPN or LVN)
  - 12-18 months
- **Transition Program to Registered Nurse Associate Degree** (ASN, AD or ADN)
  - 1 year
- **Registered Nurse Associate Degree** (ASN, AD or ADN)
  - 2 years
- **Registered Nurse Baccalaureate Degree** (BSN or BS)
  - 4 years
- **College Graduates with a Degree in Another Field**
- **Registered Nurse Accelerated Program Baccalaureate Degree** (BSN or BS)
  - 1-2 years
- **Master of Science in Nursing** (MSN or MS)
  - (pre and post-licensure) 2 years

- **RN Specialty Certifications**
- **Clinical Nurse Specialist** (CNS)
- **Certified Nurse Midwife** (CNM)
- **Nurse Practitioner** (NP)
- **Clinical Nurse Leader** (CNL)
- **Nursing Administration**
- **Nursing Education**
- **Other**

- **Doctorate of Nursing Practice** (DNP)
  - 2-3 years
- **Doctorate of Philosophy** (PhD)
  - 3 years
- **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist** (CRNA)
- **Other**

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* Equivalents such as Indiana HSE, GED, TASC, etc.

Time frames for degree completion are approximate and may vary.

Pre-licensure means prior to passing the NCLEX-RN licensing examination. Post-licensure means after passing the NCLEX-RN licensing examination.

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