



College Review Questionnaire for Nurses

Reviewing a college and preparing for a career change can be exciting! Begin by visiting the college website and additional sites such as College Navigator at www.nces.ed.gov. Explore the accreditation, academics, class schedules, financial aid and costs as well as internship / clinical coordination if applicable.

The most important question to consider is: Does this program meet my career / life objectives and fit into my life schedule.

Questions to consider:

- How is the school / program accredited? (If RN or VN, is program recognized by the State of California Board of Registered Nursing, <http://www.rn.ca.gov> or Board of Vocational Nursing <http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov> If BSN, is program CCNE accredited? Consult your BHMT career counselor for additional information about accreditation.)
- What % of the students in the program graduate?
- Are Information Sessions Available?
- What is the average length of time required to complete program?
- What is the typical class schedule? Online? Face-to-face?
- Have I completed a time allocation worksheet?
- What clinicals or internships are required? Does the school arrange?
- What information is needed to complete the application process? Cost?
- Are students required to take admissions and/or placement exams?
- When is the application deadline?
- What is the total cost of the program? (How will I fund?)
- What courses from other institutions will transfer?
- Is the return on my investment (time and \$) positive?
- Are scholarships available through the financial aid office? If not, where?
- If continued education is likely (MSN, NP, DNP, CRNA, MS) will this program meet the requirements?
- Have I consulted with my manager, mentors, or Nurse Educators?
- **Your BHMT Career Counselor is here to help!!**