Understanding the RN Pipeline in New York State

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Today's Presentation

- Methods
- Nursing Graduations
- Applications and Acceptances
- Turning Away Qualified Applicants
- Faculty Vacancies
- Clinical Experience
- Job Market



Methods

- Surveys of all RN education programs in New York State (NYS)
- Questions on:
 - Program applications and acceptances
 - Assessment of the job market for newly-trained RNs
 - Faculty recruitment and retention issues
 - Use of simulation for clinical training
 - Impact of COVID-19 on educational programs and on the job market for newly-trained RNs
- Graduation data from New York State Education Department



New RN Graduations Have Been Increasing

New RN Graduations 2019–2022 in New York State, by Region

| | | | | | _ | _ |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|------------------|---------|
| | Academic Year | | | | Change 2019 - 22 | |
| Region | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Number | Percent |
| Capital District | 473 | 515 | 505 | 526 | 53 | 11.2% |
| Central New York | 416 | 505 | 530 | 490 | 74 | 17.8% |
| Finger Lakes | 879 | 901 | 783 | 884 | 5 | 0.6% |
| Hudson Valley | 980 | 917 | 1,162 | 1,350 | 370 | 37.8% |
| Long Island | 1,350 | 1,479 | 1,476 | 1,576 | 226 | 16.7% |
| Mohawk Valley | 331 | 374 | 339 | 318 | -13 | -3.9% |
| New York City | 3,390 | 4,022 | 3,887 | 3,894 | 504 | 14.9% |
| North Country | 407 | 355 | 345 | 335 | -72 | -17.7% |
| Southern Tier | 384 | 414 | 420 | 351 | -33 | -8.6% |
| Western New York | 858 | 756 | 983 | 893 | 35 | 4.1% |
| Online Only | 124 | 138 | 235 | 145 | 21 | 16.9% |
| Totals | 9,592 | 10,376 | 10,665 | 10,762 | 1,170 | 12.2% |

Sources: NYSED, Excelsior College, and Empire State University.



BSN Completer Graduations Have Also Been Increasing

BSN Completer Graduations 2019–2022 in New York State, by Region

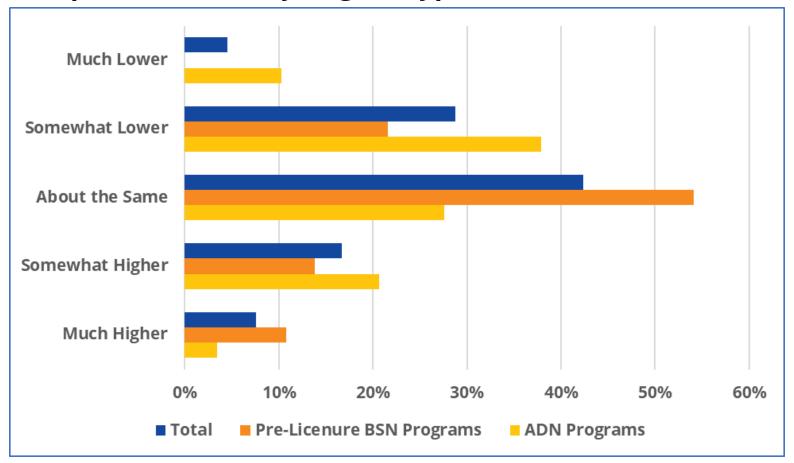
| | Academic Year | | | | Change 2019 - 22 | |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|---------|
| Region | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Number | Percent |
| Capital District | 56 | 32 | 66 | 56 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Central New York | 118 | 103 | 105 | 136 | 18 | 15.3% |
| Finger Lakes | 303 | 348 | 264 | 432 | 129 | 42.6% |
| Hudson Valley | 41 | 33 | 34 | 128 | 87 | 212.2% |
| Long Island | 173 | 118 | 183 | 161 | -12 | -6.9% |
| Mohawk Valley | 171 | 139 | 103 | 96 | -75 | -43.9% |
| New York City | 482 | 480 | 341 | 458 | -24 | -5.0% |
| North Country | 66 | 97 | 82 | 51 | -15 | -22.7% |
| Southern Tier | 0 | 76 | 283 | 252 | 252 | N/A |
| Western New York | 288 | 270 | 297 | 235 | -53 | -18.4% |
| Online Only | 253 | 193 | 184 | 151 | -102 | -40.3% |
| Totals | 1,951 | 1,889 | 1,942 | 2,156 | 205 | 10.5% |

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Applications to Pre-Licensure Programs Remained Relatively Stable Between 2021 and 2022

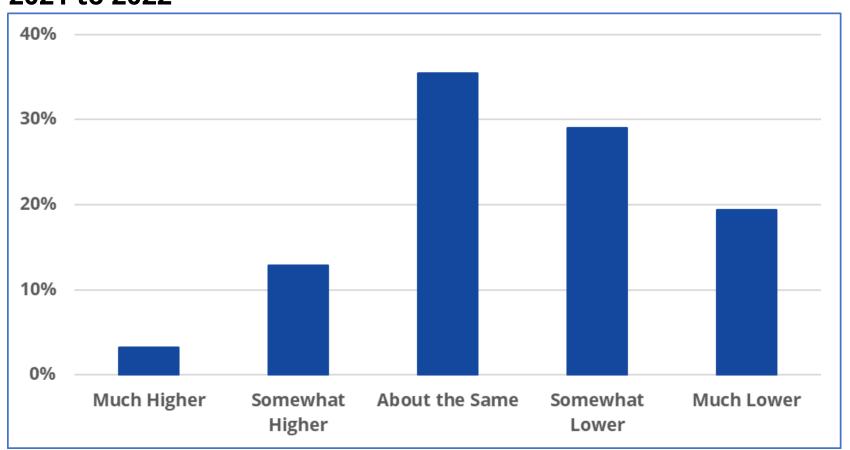
Change in Number of Applications to New York State RN Education Programs in 2022 Compared to 2021, by Degree Type





Applications to BSN Completer Programs Declined Between 2021 and 2022

Change in Number of Applications to New York State BSN Completer Programs, 2021 to 2022





Acceptances to RN Education Programs Remained Stable

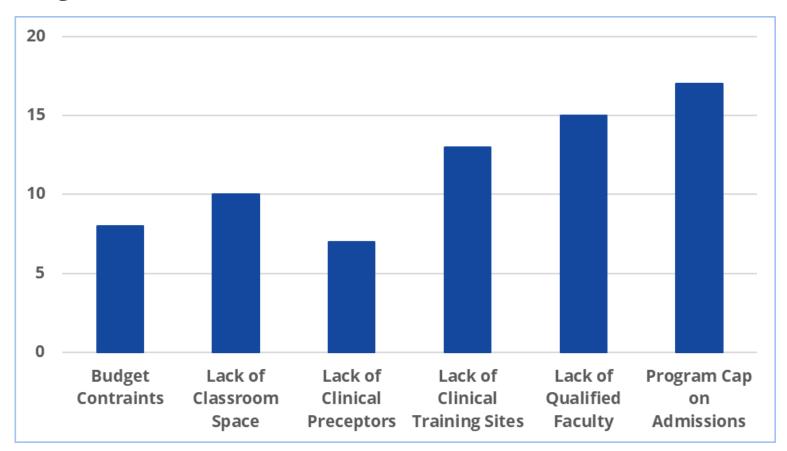
Change in the Number of Acceptances to New York State Nursing Education Programs in 2022 Compared to 2021, by Degree Type

| | ADN | BSN Programs | | | |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|------------|--|--|
| | Programs | Licensure Qualifying | Completers | | |
| Much Higher | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | | |
| Somewhat Higher | 24.1% | 19.4% | 12.9% | | |
| About the Same | 51.7% | 66.7% | 51.6% | | |
| Somewhat Lower | 17.2% | 8.3% | 19.4% | | |
| Much Lower | 6.9% | 5.6% | 16.1% | | |



Almost Half of Nursing Deans Reported Turning Away Qualified Applicants

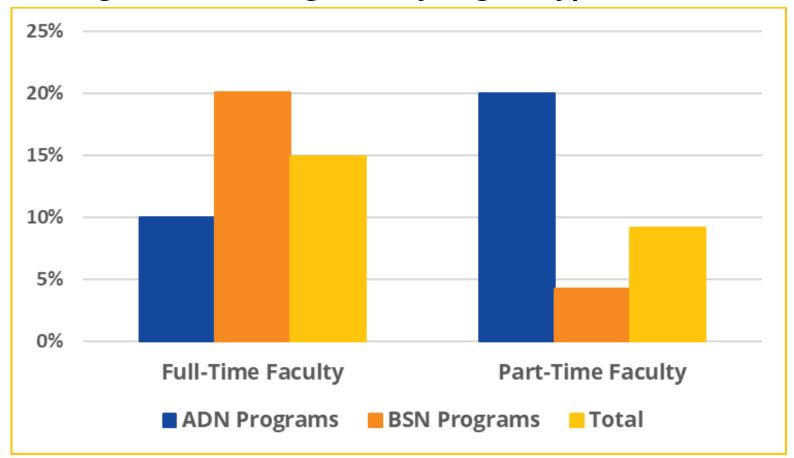
Reasons for Turning Away Qualified Applicants from New York State Nursing Education Programs, 2022





Nursing Deans Reported High Vacancy Rates

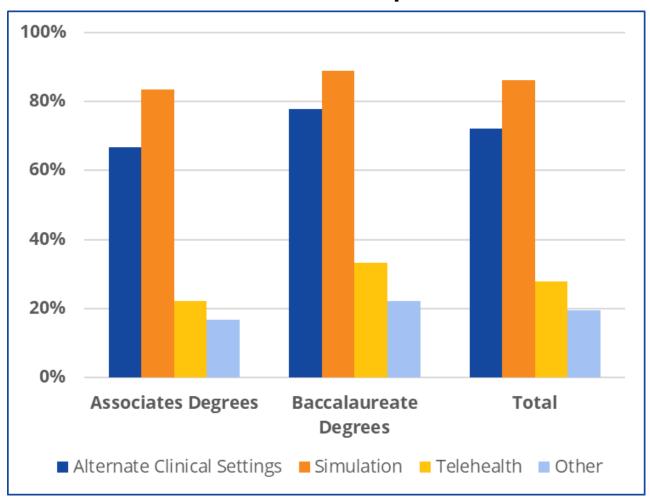
Faculty Vacancy Rates for Full-Time and Part-Time Faculty for 2022 at New York State Nursing Education Programs, by Degree Type





Half of Respondents Indicated That the COVID-19 Pandemic Reduced the Amount of Direct Clinical Experiences

Alternatives to Direct Clinical Experiences for New York State Nursing Students, by Degree Type





The Vast Majority of Nursing Deans Reported Many Jobs for Their Graduates

Perception of Job Market for Newly Trained. RNs by Setting and by Degree Type

| | Overall | Hospitals | Nursing Homes | Home Health Care | Ambulatory Care |
|---------------|---------|-----------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Baccalaureate | 92.0% | 100.0% | 95.7% | 86.4% | 68.2% |
| Associates | 92.3% | 92.3% | 100.0% | 84.6% | 76.9% |



What Does the Future Hold?

- In the short-term, RN graduations in NYS continue to increase
- Though Upstate rural areas may see a decline in graduations
- Problems with nursing ed programs may impact future graduations
 - Faculty vacancies
 - Lack of clinical training sites
 - Lack of clinical preceptors



Questions and Discussion

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