

Nursing Education

Figure 5a
Basic Nursing Education

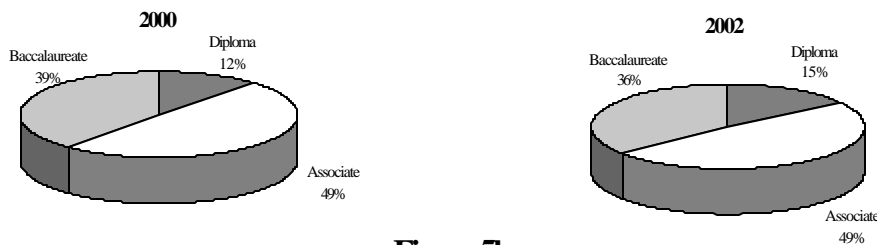


Figure 5b
Percent Pursuing Education While Employed

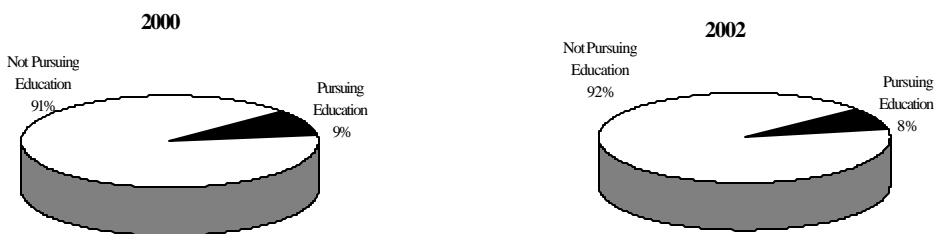
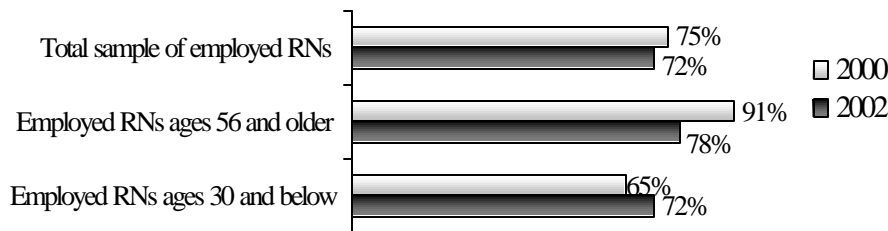


Figure 5c
"My nursing education prepared me for a job as nurse"
(Percent agreement 2000-2002)



- Only 66% of RNs received their basic nursing education in Texas. In rural areas, 81% received their education in the state.
- The percent of nurses with associate degrees is unchanged since the 2000 survey, but there were fewer baccalaureate degrees and more diplomas.
- The percent of nurses educated in Texas decreased from 70% to 66% and the percent educated in foreign countries remained approximately the same.

In Their Own Words:

“The time has come for nurses to begin acting as a unit to receive recognition and salary, commensurate with the amount of responsibility, education, and work instituted and completed by nurses and to [bring] all of the well-educated women who are nurses back to the profession....”

**Table 4
Education and Prior Health Care Experience, 2002**

Education and Experience	TOTAL 801	Rural 103	Metro 672	Border 220	Non-Border 577	Age Cohorts			
						30 & Below 66	31-45 203	46-55 195	56 & Above 105
Basic RN Educational Background (%)									
Diploma	14.8	10.5	15.4	15.7	14.4	7.2	6.5	15.7	37.8
Associate Degree	48.5	63.5	46.0	48.4	48.4	38.1	53.9	52.9	34.6
BA/BS	35.7	27.5	37.4	34.6	36.3	54.6	38.6	30.2	26.0
MSN	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0
Location of Basic RN Education Program (%)									
In Texas	65.6	80.8	63.4	68.2	64.7	76.8	70.9	65.0	48.0
Other State	25.8	16.3	27.1	23.5	26.5	17.2	19.2	26.8	44.1
Other Country	8.6	2.9	9.5	8.3	8.8	6.1	9.9	8.3	7.9
Prior to Basic RN Education, Employed as (%)									
UAP (Unlicensed Assistive Personnel)	22.7	17.9	23.6	21.8	23.2	32.3	22.8	21.1	20.3
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse	15.9	32.1	13.3	15.0	16.1	13.1	15.6	18.8	14.1
Other Health Care Occupation	12.9	16.0	12.3	14.5	12.1	16.2	12.6	14.8	7.8
Non-Health Care Occupation	27.2	17.9	28.7	27.7	27.0	34.6	32.7	23.8	14.8
Average Number of Years Licensed	13.5	14.0	13.5	13.2	13.7	3.3	9.9	16.6	24.6
(Standard Deviation)	(10.4)	(11.0)	(10.3)	(10.5)	(10.4)	(2.2)	(6.3)	(9.1)	(12.5)
Minimum Value	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
Maximum Value	58	58	51	51	58	10	25	34	58
Currently Enrolled in a Formal Education Program (%)	7.9	6.7	8.1	8.3	7.8	8.3	10.3	7.1	4.8
Type of Program in Which Enrolled (%)*									
ADN	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.8
Associate Degree (Non-Nursing)	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
BSN	2.6	3.8	2.5	1.8	2.9	1.0	3.7	3.1	0.8
BS/BA	0.6	1.9	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.4	0.8
Master's in Nursing	2.0	0.0	2.3	3.2	1.6	5.1	3.1	0.8	0.0
Master's in Another Area	0.6	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.3	1.2	0.0
Doctorate in Nursing	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Doctorate in Another Area	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Other & Non-Degree	1.7	2.8	1.6	1.4	1.9	2.0	1.0	2.0	3.1
Average Number of Hours Spent in School-Related Activities (Standard Deviation)	15.2	16.5	15.1	14.1	15.6	24.5	13.4	14.2	15.9
(Standard Deviation)	(11.4)	(7.3)	(11.8)	(8.8)	(12.3)	(16.9)	(9.1)	(10.2)	(14.5)
Minimum Value	0	5	0	5	0	10	0	2	1
Maximum Value	60	24	60	30	60	60	30	40	40
Highest Degree Received Since Basic RN Education (%)									
None	35.3	35.0	35.4	36.1	35.1	35.7	32.6	33.5	47.9
ADN	30.9	43.0	29.1	29.8	31.4	24.5	35.9	34.7	16.2
Associate Degree (Non-Nursing)	0.5	0.0	0.6	1.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.9
BSN	22.9	16.0	24.1	18.5	24.7	34.7	22.8	18.6	19.7
BS/BA	3.3	1.0	3.6	4.4	2.8	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.4
MSN	4.1	3.0	4.3	5.9	3.5	2.0	2.9	5.0	6.8
Master's in Another Area	2.5	2.0	2.6	4.4	1.8	0.0	1.4	3.7	5.1
Doctorate in Nursing	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
Doctorate in Another Area	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0

Some totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.

*Figures not comparable with 2000 table.

Reference for Time Comparisons: Health and Nurses in Texas: In Their Own Words (Vol. 2, No. 1), Table 3, Page 18. Health and Nurses in Texas: The Future of Nursing (Vol. 3, No. 1), Table 3.3, Page 3.18.

