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What are the differences in levels of Nursing?

- **Practical Nurses (PNs):** Care for the sick, injured, disabled or convalescent. They bring their caring, sympathetic natures to hospitals, home healthcare services, nursing care facilities, physicians' offices and other health care providers and agencies. PNs work under the direction of physicians and registered nurses.
- **Registered Nurses (RNs):** A healthcare professional responsible for implementing the practice of nursing through the use of the nursing process in concert with other healthcare professionals. RNs work as patient advocates for the care and recovery of the sick and maintenance of their health. RNs use the nursing process to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate nursing care of the sick and injured. RNs also provide advice and emotional support to patient's family members.

What does Barton offer?

- Practical Nurse (PN) program: Certificate (40 credit hours).
- Registered Nurse (RN) program: Associate of Applied Science Degree.
- Well-rounded and demanding coursework:
 - o Prepares students with nursing skills needed to start their careers.
 - o Provides nursing education from pre-birth to death.

Why Barton's Nursing Program?

- The Associated Degree Nursing Program is accredited by:
 - National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.
 - 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326
 - Phone: 404-975-5000
 - Fax: 404-975-5020
 - Website: www.nlnac.org
- Clinical partnerships allow students to gain nursing experiences in the various aspects of nursing including obstetrics, pediatrics, mental health, intensive care, and medical-surgical units.
- State and nationally affiliated Barton Nursing Club allows students to interact with other students and network with healthcare professionals.
- Faculty members with experience in nursing, up-to-date education in nursing skills and teaching techniques.
- Excellent new facilities including two simulation labs.

Occupational Outlook and Earnings

- **Practical Nurses (PNs):**
 - o Projected to grow faster than average with overall job prospects expected to be very good. The best opportunities will occur in nursing care facilities and home healthcare services.
 - o Average earnings range between \$31,080 to \$43,640.
- **Registered Nurses (RNs):**
 - o Overall job opportunities for RNs are expected to be excellent and expected to grow much faster than the average.
 - o Average earnings range between \$47,710 to \$69,850. *Source: 2008-2009 Occupational Outlook Handbook*



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