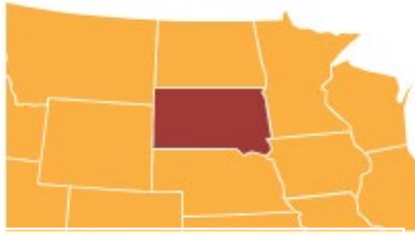


South Dakota's Registered Nursing Demand by 2030

Campaign for an increase in the RN educational capacity

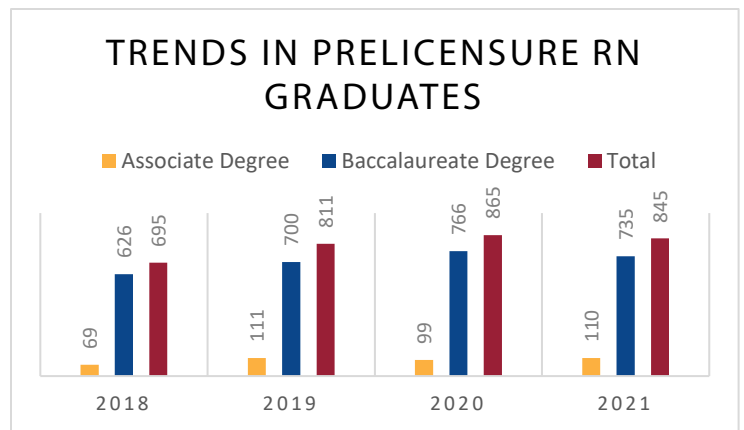
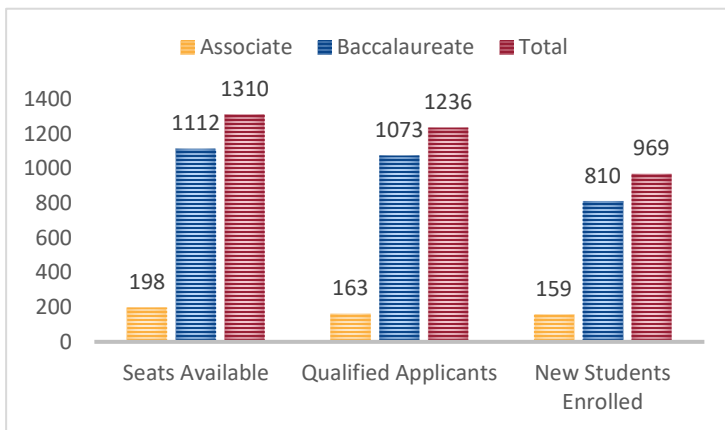
In 2030, South Dakota will be the only Midwestern state still suffering from a shortage of Registered Nurses (RNs). As the number of RNs leaving the workforce every year continues to grow, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the state education system has yet to find a sufficient solution to meet its increasing need.



A recent study shows South Dakota needing an additional 1,900 RNs, a 14% increase in the current workforce, to meet the projected demand.¹

State	2030 ¹			
	Supply	Demand	Difference	Adequacy
Minnesota	71,800	68,700	3,100	4.5%
Iowa	45,400	35,300	10,100	28.6%
Nebraska	24,700	21,200	3,500	16.5%
Wyoming	8,300	5,500	2,800	50.9%
Montana	12,300	12,100	200	1.7%
North Dakota	9,900	9,200	700	7.6%
South Dakota	11,700	13,600	-1,900	-14.0%

RN Programs Capacity in 2021



As nursing programs in South Dakota look to expand capacity, there are challenges that they face, such as supplying qualified faculty and financial hurdles.

- South Dakota had 341 empty seats in nursing programs in 2021.²
- Over 250 qualified students were not enrolled in a nursing program in South Dakota.²
- There are only five advanced nursing programs in South Dakota.³
- In 2021, there were 7 unfilled full-time faculty positions in associate and baccalaureate programs.²

RN Programs in South Dakota in 2022

Associate Programs:

- Lake Area Technical College
- Oglala Lakota College
- Southeast Technical College
- Western Dakota Technical College
- Mitchell Technical College

Baccalaureate Programs:

- Augustana University
- Dakota Wesleyan University
- Mount Marty University
- Presentation College
- South Dakota State University
- University of Sioux Falls
- University of South Dakota

5 Associate Programs

7 Baccalaureate Programs



South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations (SDAHO) is working with the board of regents, universities, schools, and policy makers to bring attention to this healthcare concern, SDAHO is leveraging its resources to shape legislations, identify strategies, and form collaborations to address the shortage.

Footnotes: 1. Supply and Demand Projections of the Nursing Workforce: 2014-2030

https://bhw.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/bhw/nchwa/projections/NCHWA_HRSA_Nursing_Report.pdf 2. South Dakota Board of Nursing Annual Report of Nursing Education Programs: 2021 3. South Dakota Board of Nursing Website (<https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/>)