TOWARD A MORE HIGHLY EDUCATED NURSING WORKFORCE

RN to BSN

Efficient pathway for ADNs to prepare for a broader RN role. The nation will need a larger, more diverse, and more highly educated nursing workforce in coming years.

LPN

Licensed Practical Nurse certificates are conferred by high school training programs, vocational/ technical schools, and community colleges.

ADN

Community colleges offer Associates Degrees in Nursing. Prepares the individual to become a registered nurse (RN).

BSN

Encompasses courses taught to ADNs, plus more in-depth study of sciences and leadership. Prepares new RNs, provides degreecompletion for ADNs.

MSN

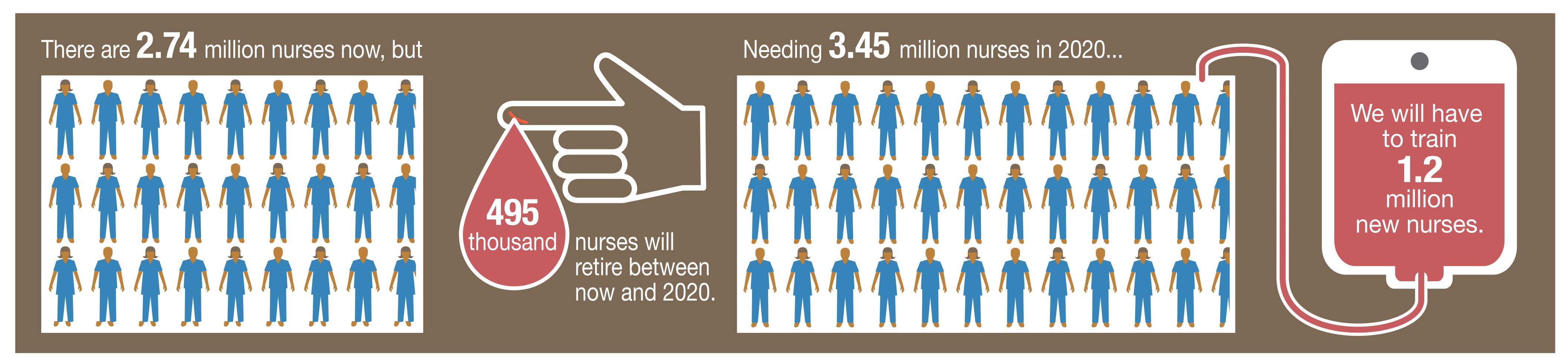
Builds on BSN and focuses on a nursing specialty.

PhD and DNP

PhDs are for nurses who plan to conduct nursing research and become faculty; DNPs are for nurses seeking terminal degrees in nursing practice.

RN to MSN

Efficient pathway for nurses to pursue master's degrees and more specialized study.



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics' Employment Projections 2010-2020.

