

# NURSING EDUCATION HIERARCHY

## Academic Progression & Clinical Roles

**DNP / PhD / EdD** Advanced Practice, Clinical Leadership, Research, and Executive Policy.

**MSN (Master of Science in Nursing)** Nurse Practitioners, Educators, Informatics, and Specialized Management.

**BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing)** Registered Nurse (RN) with enhanced focus on leadership and public health.

**ADN (Associate Degree in Nursing)** Entry-level Registered Nurse (RN) providing direct clinical patient care.

**LPN / LVN Diploma** Licensed Practical Nurse providing foundational bedside care and monitoring.