

## From Dreams to Reality: Become a Professional Nurse

Rady Children's Hospital's Weekend Medical Academy (WMA) programs provide a condensed learning opportunity for students interested in pursuing healthcare careers. WMA programs address timely healthcare topics and related careers through lectures/interactive discussions, hands-on skills clinics and career panels.

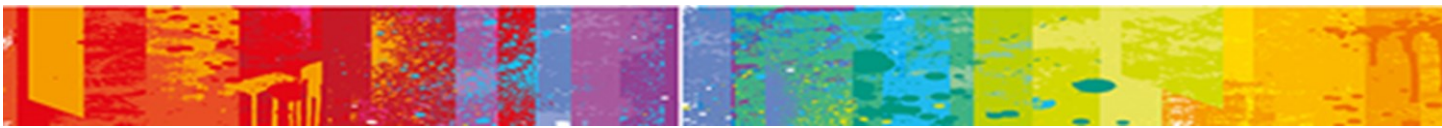


The WMA program, From Dreams to Reality: Become a Professional Nurse, took place April 12-14, 2019 with 23 engaged students from throughout San Diego County, and even Nevada and Utah. Students learned about the history, philosophy, and importance of the nursing profession; how to become a nurse; and the diversity of positions within the profession of nursing. Throughout the weekend, students learned from 27 professional nurses from Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego State University, and Azusa Pacific University. WMA participant learning included:

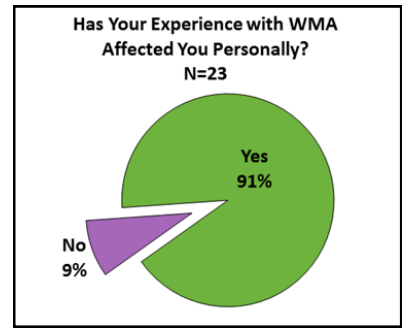
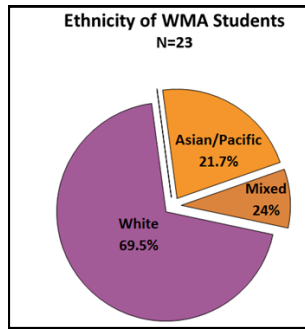
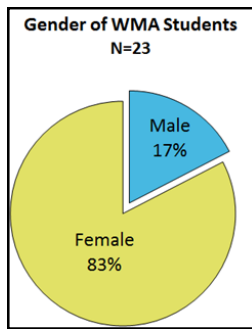
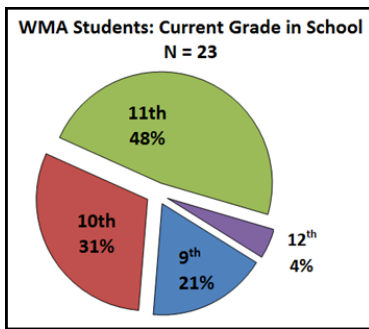
- The Legacy of Florence Nightingale
- Education & Career Paths
- How to Get into Nursing School
- Vital Signs Workshop
- Application & Interview Tips
- Tour of Hematology/Oncology Unit (Hem/Onc); Emergency Department;
- Helicopter Pad; Outpatient Procedure Center (OPC)
- Hands-On Learning with Basic Life Support (BLS); NICU & PICU Mock Code Situations; Infection Control & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE);
- The importance of self-care and compassion in the field of nursing



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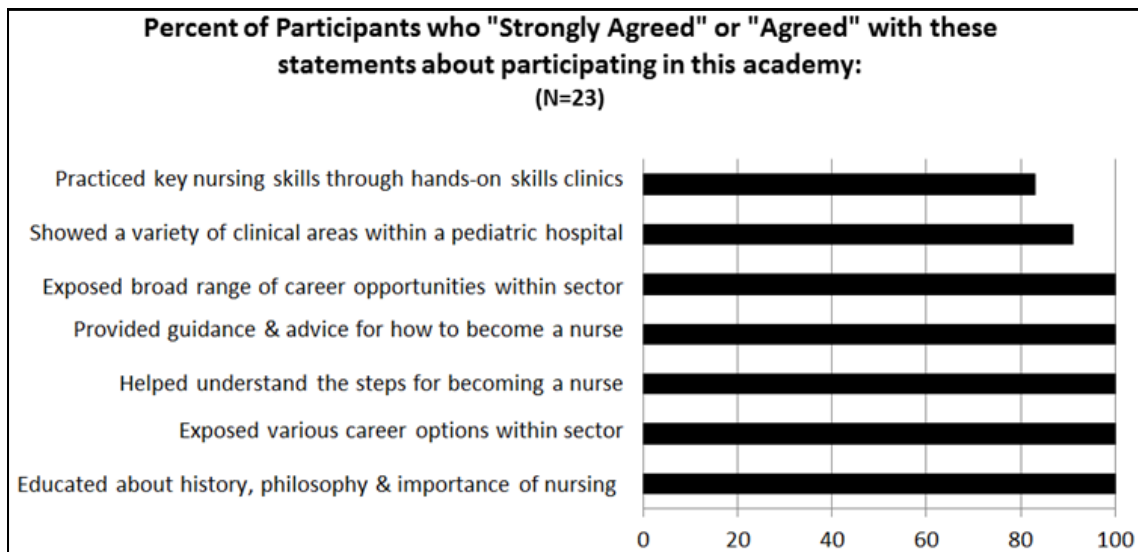
# Student Profile & Feedback



**100% of students reported that attending this program reinforced and/or increased their interest in pursuing a career in healthcare!**

**100% of students reported that the program met or exceeded their expectations!**

**100% of students reported that they would recommend WMA to a friend interested in a healthcare career!**



“At first I was pretty positive about going into the nursing field, but after this program I know exactly that this is what I want to be doing for the rest of my life!”

“The mother daughter lecture really hit me in the heart and showed me how being a nurse can make such an impact on patients physical and mental health. It made me so much more excited to become and nurse and hopefully one day I will come back and work at Rady’S.”

“There are so many different pathways nursing can take you; the career options are limitless and very flexible; the education might be hard but it is well worth it in the end.”

**Would you like to make this experience available to students with a financial need?**  
Reach out to learn more about our Medical Academy Scholarship program by visiting:  
<https://www.radyfoundation.org/support-sma-scholarships?>

