

## 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 16-18, 2021 with 24 engaged students from throughout San Diego County and Northern CA. We held it virtually for the second time. Students learned about the history, and importance of the nursing profession; how to become a nurse; the diversity of positions within the profession of nursing and how nursing has changed in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic. Throughout the weekend, students learned from 16 professional nurses from Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego State University, and Point Loma Nazarene University. Human resources recruiters rounded out this amazing weekend!

### WMA participant's learning included:

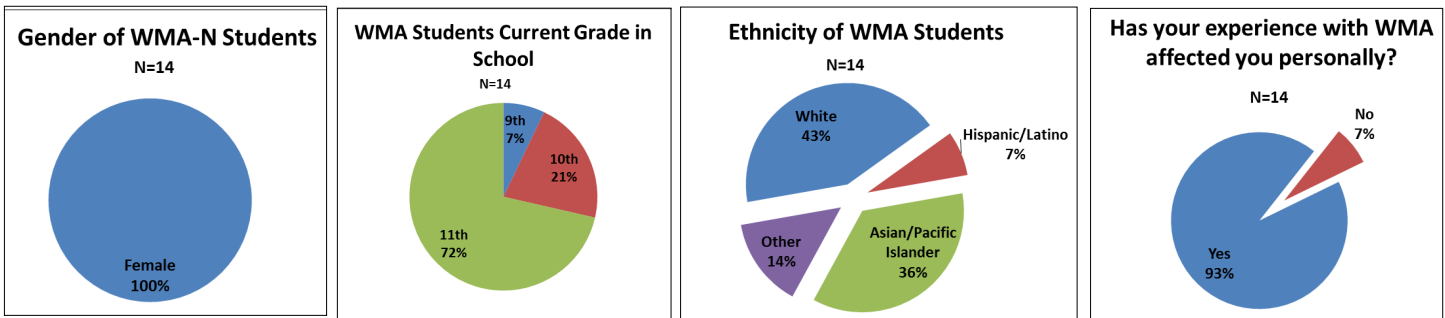
- The Legacy of Florence Nightingale
- Education & Career Paths
- How to Get into Nursing School
- Application & Interview Tips
- Vital Signs Workshop
- Hands-On Learning with Basic Life Support (BLS) & Infection Control
- The Importance of Self-Care and Compassion
- Understanding the Importance of Vaccines
- Medical History Taking

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# Student Profile & Feedback\*

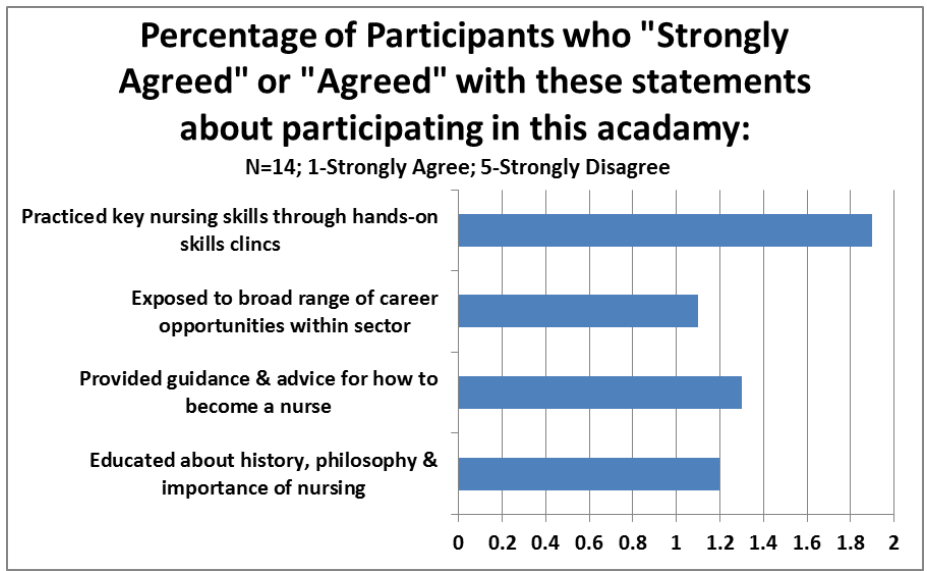


\*Disclaimer: Student profile statistics based on students who completed post-evaluation. 14 students responded out of 24 total participants.

**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!**



"I truly enjoyed this experience and the program. I would definitely recommend to someone who is interested in becoming a nurse in the future."

"I liked that we were able to talk to people that were actually in nursing school and see what they are learning and see what we will learn when we go to nursing school."

"The most important thing I learned was the different pathways to become a nurse and the different experiences people had on their journey. It was very helpful and got me even more excited to start my own nursing journey."

**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?>

