

# **Reform and Its Implications for Nursing**

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- Nursing is the largest profession within healthcare
- To realize any type of reform or change in how care is currently provided on a national scale, Nurses must be at the center of the conversation
- A nurse is **NOT** a nurse is **NOT** a nurse

**And..... We DO NOT have enough nurses!**

## Connecticut:

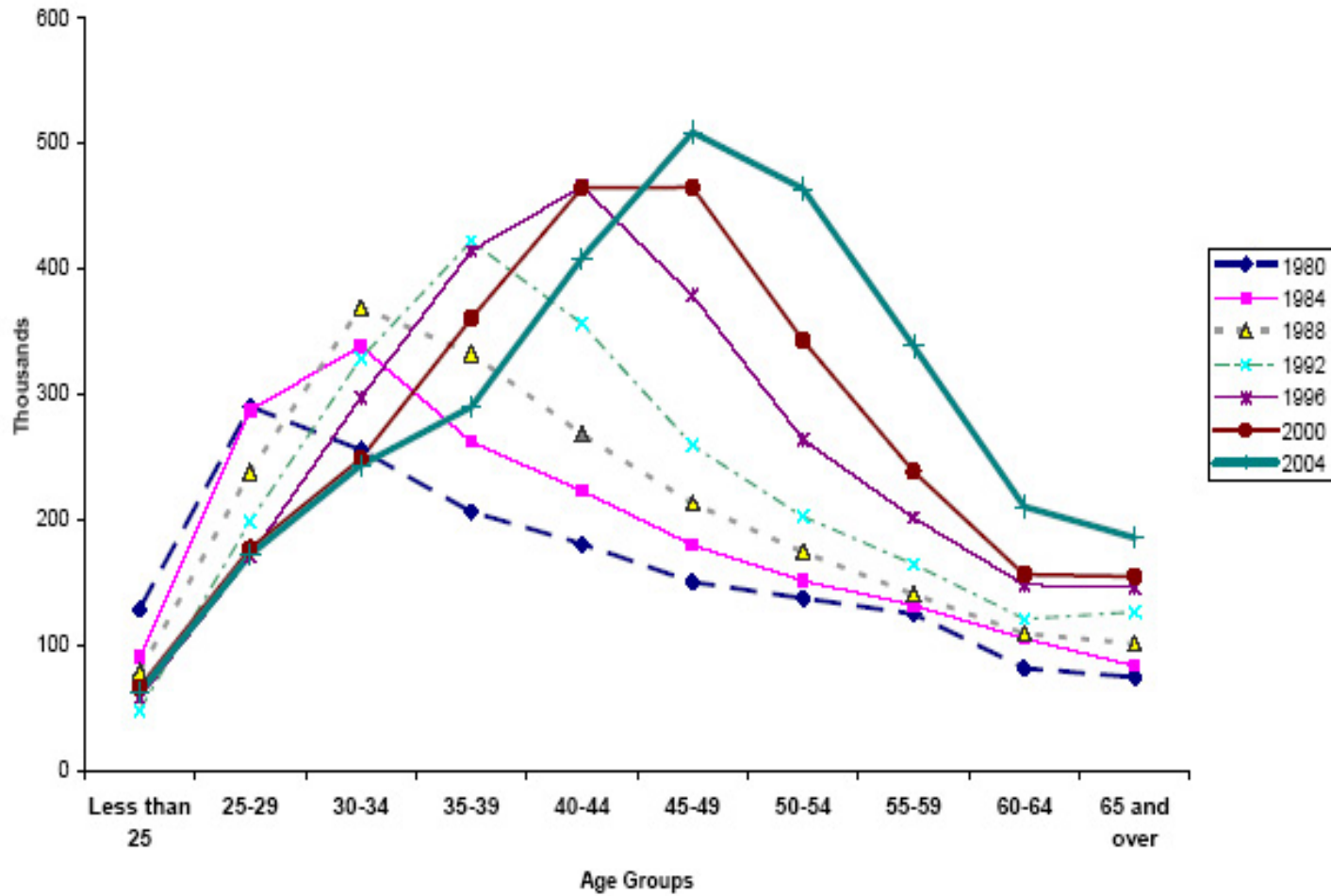
Ranks 49<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states in producing nurses at only 19 per 100,000. The national average is 31 per 100,000.

Lags behind national trends for funding nursing education initiatives. Within the last year, California has committed \$90 million over 5 years, Arizona- \$20 million, and Florida has committed \$5 million to their statewide nursing efforts.

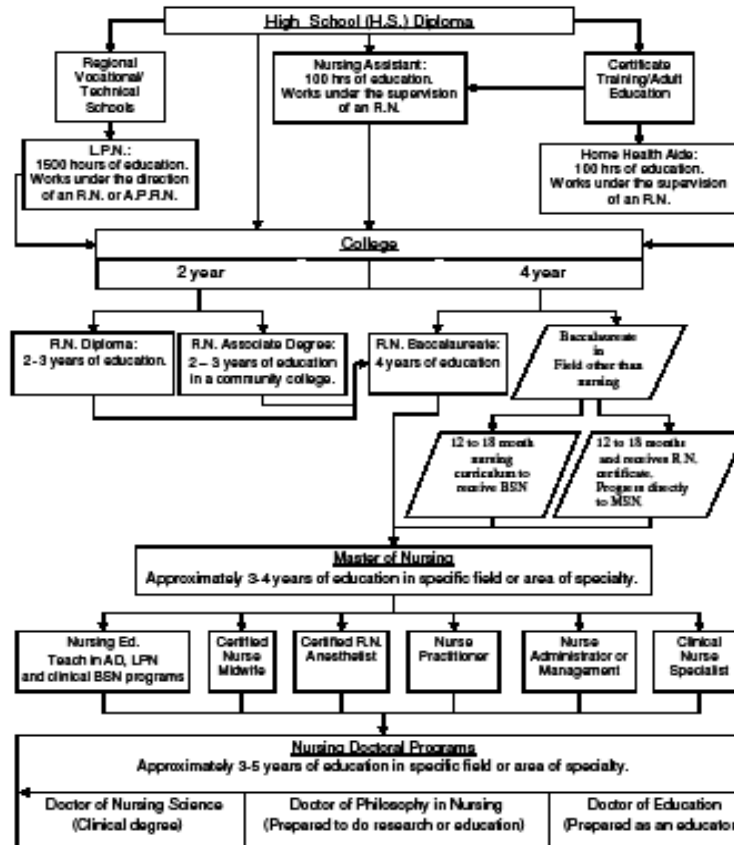
Has 23% of the current nurse faculty planning to retire in the next 5 years.

Denied over 1200 qualified nursing applicants entrance into CT nursing programs due to lack of educational resources.

Chart 4: Age Distribution of the Registered Nurse Population, 1980-2004

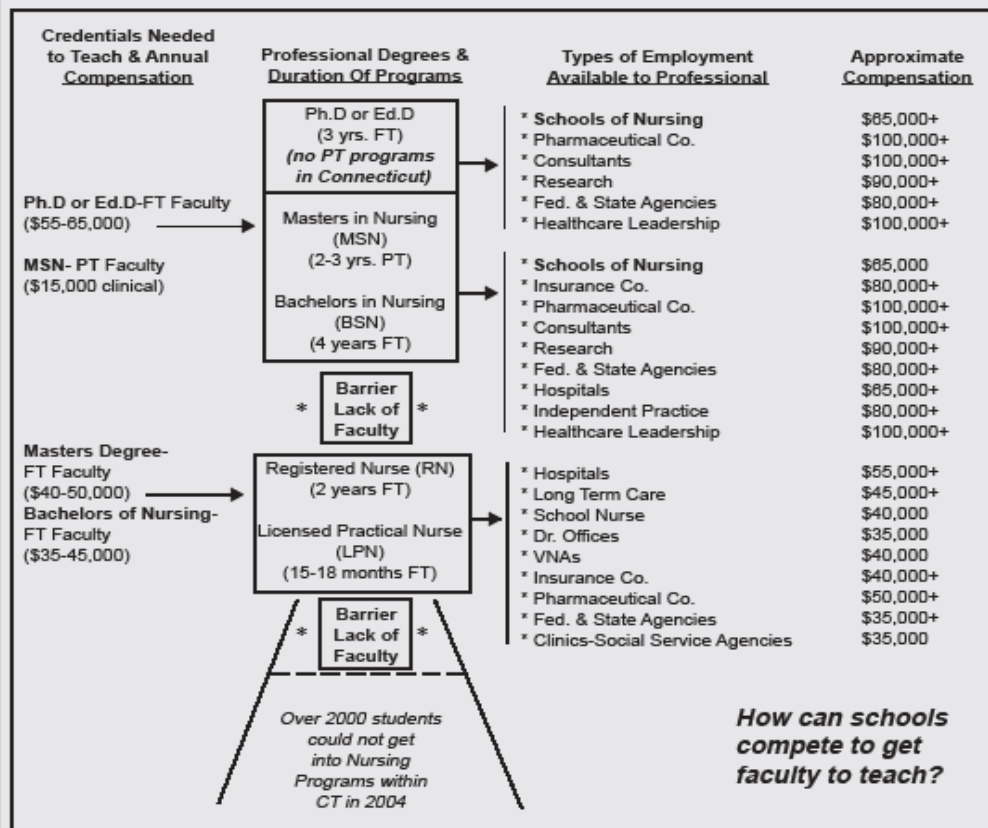


## NURSING: CAREER PATHWAYS



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## Illustration of the Nursing Shortage and the Barriers to Nurse Faculty Development



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