

Audra Howes      Highest level of nursing education

The highest level of nursing education I was planning on was my diploma RN. It felt like it took a long time just to get where I am at. I thought I could do this in five years, and I would still be in my forties. Ten some years later and here I am looking at fifty-one and hoping I am not one of these nurses that is still working in their eighties to pay-off loans and put food on the table. This was my thought process for a long time.

Now that it is getting closer to graduation, I have been thinking about how many classes do I need to take for my bachelor's? How long will this take? Maybe I can take one class a semester to obtain this. This way I can still work, possibly do a little traveling, and start enjoying my life.

I do enjoy going to school. I do this right now for me, to give myself the opportunity to work on myself. It was not always like this. I originally went back to school to help my oldest son with his addictions when there was not a lot of resources available, and I did not know what to do for him. My thoughts changes about continuing my educations I think I just have a lot of questions. Another question I have is. Is it just as hard as getting your diploma or easier? The cost of going back to school is another reason that is keeping from doing this. How much does this cost?