

B.Sc Nursing Colleges by State — NEET-Based Admission (2026-27)

A state-wise snapshot of B.Sc Nursing admission routes across India, indicating where NEET-UG score is used, key colleges, and the counselling/admission authority — plus expected changes to admission rules over the next 1–2 years.

Compiled 8 August 2026. Admission rules and college lists change frequently — treat this as a starting reference and confirm current-year details on each authority's official website before applying.

Important: NEET is not used uniformly across India

There is no single national rule making NEET-UG compulsory for all B.Sc Nursing admissions. The Indian Nursing Council has pushed NEET-based admission at central institutions and encouraged states to adopt it, and several states have done so — but many states still run their own separate entrance test or admit on qualifying-exam (12th standard) marks. The table below groups colleges/states by which system currently applies.

1. Central Institutions (NEET-UG based, via MCC or own INI counselling)

Institution	Admission basis	Notes
BHU Varanasi (Institute of Medical Sciences)	NEET-UG score, via MCC	All-India seats; central counselling
JIPMER Puducherry & Karaikal	NEET-UG score, via MCC	All-India seats; central counselling
Delhi University colleges: RAK College of Nursing, Lady Hardinge Medical College	NEET-UG score, via MCC	Part of DU/central pool in MCC counselling
Florence Nightingale College of Nursing (DU-affiliated)	CUET-UG (not NEET)	Separate exam despite DU affiliation
AIIMS (19 campuses, incl. New Delhi)	AIIMS' own B.Sc (Hons) Nursing entrance exam	NOT NEET-based — separate all-AIIMS test; 2026 result already declared (4 Jul 2026)
Army/Military Nursing Service (MNS) colleges	NEET-UG score	Central defence-run nursing colleges

2. States Using NEET-UG Score for B.Sc Nursing Admission

State	Authority / process	Example colleges
Karnataka	KEA counselling (cetonline.karnataka.gov.in); NEET mandatory since 2020	Govt. College of Nursing Bangalore (Bowring & Lady Curzon), Belagavi IMS, Hassan IMS, KIMS Hubli
Andhra Pradesh	NTRUHS, via NEET UG from 2026-27 (replaced APNCET)	SVIMS Tirupati, PESIMSR Kuppam, Manisha College of Nursing Vizag, St Joseph's Nallapadu, Narayana College Nellore
Punjab	NEET accepted as one route (alongside institute-level tests, e.g. PGIMER's own exam)	52+ colleges statewide; PGIMER Chandigarh runs a separate institute exam
Tamil Nadu	Status unsettled — INC/university guidance says NEET-based from 2025-26, but the state Selection Committee (DME) has historically admitted on qualifying-exam marks; verify current-year notification	5 government nursing colleges under Dr MGR Medical University

Coverage above is not exhaustive of every NEET-linked state — check each state's medical/nursing admission authority, since a growing number are adding NEET as a criterion year to year.

3. States NOT Using NEET (own state-level exam or merit-based)

State	Authority / process	Example colleges
Haryana	Own CET-2026, conducted by Pt. B.D. Sharma UHS Rohtak / Dept. of Medical Education & Research, Haryana. Registration opened 5 Aug 2026, exam scheduled 13 Sep 2026 (uhsrctadmissions.in). NOT NEET-based for the 2026-27 session, despite earlier media reports of a planned NEET switch.	College of Nursing PGIMS Rohtak, Govt Nursing College Faridabad, Govt Nursing College Hisar, Amity University Gurugram, SGT University, MM College of Nursing Mullana
Kerala	LBS Centre for Science & Technology (CAP); merit from qualifying exam, not NEET	Govt. Medical College Thiruvananthapuram, Sree Chitra Thirunal College of Nursing
Maharashtra	State CET Cell — MH B.Sc Nursing CET	Government and private colleges statewide via state CET counselling
West Bengal	WBJEEB — JENPAS-UG	NRS Medical College, RG Kar Medical College, Burdwan Medical College
Uttar Pradesh	Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University — Common Nursing Entrance Test (CNET)	KGMU Lucknow, SGPGIMS Lucknow, LLRM Medical College Meerut
Rajasthan	Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS) counselling	RUHS Jaipur, Govt. College of Nursing Udaipur, Jaipur Hospital College of Nursing
Telangana	KNRUHS centralised counselling; requires TG-EAPCET, not NEET	Colleges affiliated to Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences
Madhya Pradesh	MPESB — Pre-Nursing Selection Test (PNST)	State government and private nursing colleges
Odisha	OJEE-linked counselling (dohodisha.nic.in)	State government and private nursing colleges
Gujarat	State-level counselling (own schedule, typically May onward)	State government and private nursing colleges

These states may still allow NEET-qualified status as general eligibility in some private colleges, but selection/ranking is done on their own exam or 12th-standard marks, not the NEET score itself.

4. Private & Deemed Colleges (Nationwide)

Independent of state policy, most private and deemed university nursing colleges — across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and elsewhere — admit primarily on NEET-qualifying status (the minimum NEET cutoff) combined with their own merit list or management-quota seats. These are typically the most accessible route regardless of a candidate's home state, and don't require domicile.

5. Expected or Emerging Changes (Next 1–2 Years)

Overall trend: more states are moving toward NEET-based selection for B.Sc Nursing, but adoption remains state-by-state — there is no confirmed nationwide mandate as of August 2026.

- **Andhra Pradesh** has switched to NEET-UG for B.Sc Nursing starting this session (2026-27), confirmed by an official NTRUHS notification that explicitly discontinued APNCET. This is a concrete, verified shift.
- **Haryana correction:** earlier media reports (Careers360, Getmyuni and others, circulated around mid-2026) said NEET-UG would become mandatory for Haryana B.Sc Nursing from 2026-27. This has NOT happened for the current cycle — the official Haryana government admissions portal (uhsrctadmissions.in) confirms CET-2026, the state's own PCB-based entrance test, is being conducted as usual by Pt. B.D. Sharma UHS Rohtak, with the exam scheduled for 13 September 2026. Whether Haryana adopts NEET in a future session remains open; the reported 2026-27 switch did not materialize.

- **Tamil Nadu** is the state to watch: Indian Nursing Council / university-level communications reference a NEET-based shift from 2025-26 onward, but the state's Directorate of Medical Education has continued running its own marks-based Selection Committee process, and Tamil Nadu has historically resisted NEET-linked admission reforms for medical courses generally. Whether TN fully adopts NEET for nursing this year or in the near future is unresolved — confirm with tnmedicalselection.net before assuming either way.
- **Allied health courses (physiotherapy, occupational therapy, etc.)** are being brought under mandatory NEET by the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions from 2026-27 (BPT/BOT from 2027-28) — signalling a broader regulatory direction toward NEET-linked entry across health science courses, which may eventually extend further into nursing regulation as well.
- **Seat expansion** is happening alongside these process changes — e.g., Tamil Nadu recently added roughly 855 new government nursing seats — so even where the exam system doesn't change, capacity is growing.
- **States without NEET today** (Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra, West Bengal, UP, Rajasthan, Telangana, MP, Odisha, Gujarat) have not confirmed firm timelines to switch, but given the direction of INC guidance and the AP precedent, further states adopting NEET-based nursing admission within the next 1-2 admission cycles is a reasonable expectation — not yet a certainty, and as the Haryana case shows, announced plans can also fail to materialize on schedule.

6. Sources & Disclaimer

Compiled from official counselling authority announcements and current reporting by Careers360, CollegeDekho, Collegedunia, Shiksha, Getmyuni, PW Live, and Medical Dialogues (accessed 8 August 2026). Admission rules, exam names, and college affiliations change frequently and are sometimes reported inconsistently across sources (as noted for Tamil Nadu above) — always confirm against the relevant state/central counselling authority's official website before applying.