



Registered Nurse

Career Paths

High School Diploma / GED

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Associate Degree
in Nursing (ADN)

OR

Bachelor of Science
in Nursing (BSN)

Accelerated BSN

(for individuals with
a previous bachelor's
degree to become an RN
and sit for the NCLEX-RN)

OR

RN-to-BSN
Programs for
ADN-Prepared
Nurses

OR

LPN-to-BSN
Bridge Programs



Registered Nurse

Licensure / Certification Exam Required: **NCLEX-RN**



Career Growth Opportunities

Specialty
Nurse

Charge
Nurse

Educator
(academia, nursing
professional development*,
precepting/mentoring)

Research or Quality
Improvement Nurse

Nurse
Practitioner*

Clinical Nurse
Specialist*

Nurse
Anesthetist*

Nursing
Leadership*

*Some roles require additional certification or a graduate degree.



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Registered Nurse

Leading patient care across every setting.

→ Career Overview

Registered nurses provide direct patient care, administer medications, monitor health conditions and educate patients and families. Nurses work in fast-paced healthcare environments where critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork are essential.

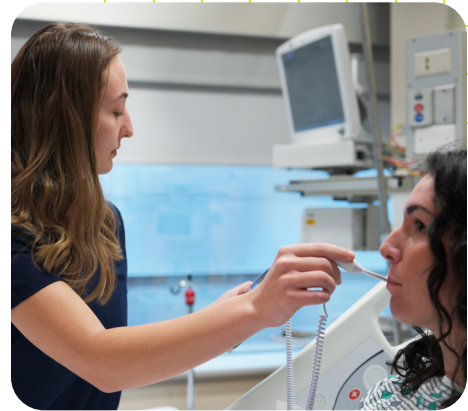
→ Where They Work

Registered nurses work in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, schools and community health settings. They may also work in home health or telehealth environments.

→ Career Growth

With experience and additional education, registered nurses can specialize in clinical areas or advance into leadership and advanced practice roles.

IN-DEMAND NOW



SALARY SNAPSHOT

← Licensed Practical Nurse →

\$47,706

10%

\$59,261

Median

\$71,999

90%

← Registered Nurse →

\$66,587

10%

\$81,487

Median

\$100,400

90%

Source: JobsEQ, May 2024 | Salary ranges represent regional averages and may vary based on experience, certification level and employer.

→ You'll love this job if you:

- Want to help people every day
- Stay calm under pressure
- Enjoy teamwork
- Like hands-on work

→ Skills That Matter

- Communication
- Clinical judgment
- Attention to detail
- Compassion

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