

Alternative Careers in Healthcare

Regulated: Clinical jobs

Registered Nurse (RN)

Overview

Registered nurses provide direct health care services to the patients. They also co-ordinate the care of the patients in a hospital/clinic setting. They need to assess, observe, follow-up, the conditions of the patients and take immediate care as well as report to the physician in charge. Often, they work with a n interdisciplinary team to plan, implement, co-ordinate and evaluate patient care in consultation with patients and their families. They also teach and counsel patients and their attendants health-related issues in collaboration with other health care providers.

Registered nurses monitor, assess, address, document and report symptoms and changes in patients' conditions. They administer medications and treatments as prescribed by physicians or according to establish policies and protocols.

They assist surgeons in operations and other procedures and also perform themselves minor procedures.

NOC Code

Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses (3012)

Alias Job Titles

Ambulatory care nurse; Bedside nurse; Burn patient care nurse; Burn victim care nurse; Cardiac surgery nurse; Cardiology nurse; Cardiology nurse technician; Casual duty nurse; Circulating nurse; Clinic nurse; Clinical nurse; Clinical nurse specialist; Community health nurse; Consultant nurse; Contagious disease transmission prevention nurse; Coronary intensive care nurse; Coronary unit nurse; Critical care nurse; Dialysis nurse; Doctor's office nurse; Emergency care nurse; Emergency nurse; First aid nurse; Float nurse; General duty nurse; General duty nurse - psychiatry; Geriatric care nurse; Geriatric nurse; Gerontology nurse; Graduate nurse; Graduate nurse - doctor's office; Graduate nurse - occupational health; Graduate nurse - physician's office; Graduate private duty nurse; Hemodialysis nurse; Home care neuroscience nurse; Home care nurse; Hospital hygiene nurse; Hospital hygienist - nursing; Hospital nurse; Independent practice - registered nurse; Industrial nurse; Infection control co-ordinator - hospital; Infection control nurse; Infection control officer - hospital; Infection control officer - medical; Infection surveillance nurse; Intensive care nurse; Intensive care unit (ICU)

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	nurse; Liaison nurse; Medical intensive care nurse; Mental health nurse; Nephrology and kidney transplantation nurse; Nephrology and renal transplantation nurse; Nephrology nurse; Neuroscience nurse; Nurse; Nurse - birthing room; Nurse consultant; Nurse counsellor; Nurse researcher; Nurse technician; Nursing adviser; Nursing consultant; Nursing counsellor; Nursing evaluator; Nursing researcher; Nursing researcher - nurse; Nursing technician; Obstetrics nurse; Occupational health nurse; Occupational health nurse consultant; Occupational medicine nurse; Office nurse; On-call nurse; Oncology nurse; Operating room (OR) nurse; Out-patient clinic nurse; Outpost nurse; Outreach nurse; Palliative care nurse; Pediatric intensive care nurse; Pediatric nurse; Perinatal care nurse; Physician's office nurse; Primary care nurse; Primary nurse; Private care nurse; Private duty nurse; Psychiatric and mental health nurse; Psychiatric nurse; Public and community health nurse; Public health nurse; Public health nurse; Registered industrial nurse; Registered nurse - call centre; Registered nurse - contact centre; Registered nurse - independent practice; Registered nurse - public and community health; Registered nurse - telehealth; Registered nurse - public and community health; Registered nurse - telehealth; Registered nurse - public and community health; Registered nurse - telehealth; Registered nurse - public and community health; Registered nurse - telehealth; Registered nurse - Respiratory care nurse; Respiratory nurse specialist; School health nurse; School nurse; Scrub nurse; Staff nurse; Surgical intensive care nurse; Telehealth registered nurse; Victoria Order nurse; Victoria Order of Nurses (VON) nurse; Visiting nurse; Ward nurse; Youth centre nurse;				
Qualifications Required	 Bachelor's degree with the following prerequisites: 3 credits in English, Statistics, Arts courses at high school level or above; 6 credits in anatomy and physiology For IMGs, IELTS Academic overall score of 7 				
Salary Range	Average hourly \$41.09	Range hourly \$21.23 - \$48.37		Range yearly \$41,396 - \$94,322	
Job Demand	Medium Employment outlook is mostly good across provinces. More information is available here .				
Growth Opportunity	Advancing to supervisor or administrator may require a master's degree in nursing or a related field. Registered nurses may also become nurse practitioners (NPs).				

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Years' Experience Required	0-2 years of experience is required			
Training Options (if available)	Usually a 4-year nursing program is required and available at many <u>Canadian universities</u> . However, some universities offers fast-track/accelerated track program in 2 years who have already completed Anatomy/Physiology and Statistics courses. For examples: <u>University of Calgary</u> , <u>McMaster University</u> , <u>University of Saskatchewan</u> , etc.			
Personal Qualities	Problem-solving skills; emotional resilience; decision-making skills; ability to take initiative; communication skills			
Notes/Other Information	N/A			
Steps towards capacity building to become competitive for this job	Step #1. You will need a post-secondary education. Complete 4-year courses as or two years long fast-track program. Step #2. You need to apply to the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) directly for assessment Step #3. If you pass, you must meet four other requirements in order to be "registered" by a provincial or territorial nursing regulatory body in Canada. Step #4. Evolve your competencies Or, one can become a registered practical nurse (RPN)/licensed practical nurse (LPN) after completing two years diploma and then become RN with further education and experience.			
References and resources	 i. Alberta Learning Information Service ii. Job Bank Canada iii. National Occupation Classification ESDC iv. Neuvoo v. Indeed 			