

Industry 101 NURSING

Nurses promote health, prevent disease and help patients cope with illness. Nurses advocate for and educate patients and their families. As educators, they teach individuals and communities how to improve or maintain health. The field has career opportunities, ranging from entry-level practitioner to doctoral-level researcher.



TRENDS & INDUSTRY INFO

Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 16 percent from 2014 to 2024. Growth will occur as a result of an increased emphasis on preventive care; growing rates of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity; and the demand for healthcare services from the baby-boom population, as they live longer and more active lives.

Entry-level nurses are employable with a three-year RN degree, however, there is a growing national trend to require all nurses to hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.



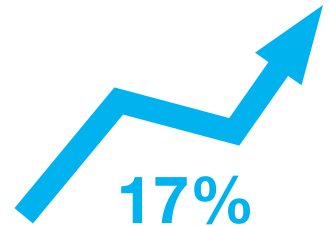
WORK ENVIRONMENT

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, registered nurses are the largest healthcare occupation. They work in hospitals, physician's offices, home health care services, and nursing care facilities. Others work in schools or outpatient clinics, or serve in the military. Home health and public health nurses travel to patients' homes, schools, community centers, and other sites. Registered nurses may spend a lot of time walking, bending, stretching, and standing. They are vulnerable to back injuries, because they often must lift and move patients.

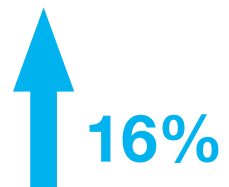
Given the round-the-clock care needed for patients, nurses in hospitals and care facilities usually work in shifts, covering up to 12 hour shifts. They may work nights, weekends, and holidays. They also may be on call. Nurses who work in offices, schools, and other places that do not provide 24-hour care are more likely to work regular business hours.

FACTS & STATS

Percent change in employment, projected 2014-24:



Health diagnosing and treating practitioners



Registered nurses



Total, all occupations

Note: All Occupations includes all occupations in the U.S. Economy. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program

What can you do in NURSING?

RESUME & SKILLS NEEDED

Resume

A traditional resume template is appropriate. Highlight education and any clinical experience (part-time job as a scribe or a [certified nursing assistant](#)). Given nursing school is competitive, any additional volunteer experience with diverse populations or caretaking roles are important.

Skills Required

- Compassion
- Detail Oriented
- Critical Thinking
- Emotional Stability
- Physical Stamina
- Communication Skills

Interview

Interviews are behavioral in nature. It is important to have specific examples to draw from for many of the common “Tell me about a time when...” questions.

Hiring Process & Timelines

Nurses are in high demand and are hired on demand. Apply as you are completing your degree and licensing by visiting specific hospital or other care facility websites.

ON CAMPUS RESOURCES

- [UMD Pre Health Advising](#)
- [Pre-health Society](#)
- Pre-Nursing Society
- [UMD pathway for BSN completion at the School of Nursing](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

- [Explore Health Careers](#)
- [American Association of Colleges of Nursing](#)
- [American Association of Nurse Practitioners](#)

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