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Nursing



Sources:

Occupational Outlook Handbook
2006-2007

Careers in Focus - Nursing
Careers in Health Care

Salary

Medical Hospitals: \$53,450

Home Health Care Services:
\$48,990

Physician Offices: \$48,250

Nursing Care Facilities: \$48,220

There are three educational paths for nursing. A bachelor's degree (BSN) which takes 4 years to complete, an associate's degree (ADN) which takes 2 years to complete and a diploma, which takes about 3 years to complete. Advancement opportunities are greater with a BSN or higher degree.

Nurses care for the injured and the sick in a variety of settings such as hospitals, schools, health care facilities and private homes.

Among the many duties they perform, nurses take patient's vital signs, administer injections and medications. They also operate medical machinery and assist with patient rehabilitation. They must also observe any changes in patient's symptoms and/or condition.

Nurses may also supervise LPNs, nursing aides and orderlies.

Nurses need to be caring, responsible and sympathetic to patients.

Future Outlook: Overall employment is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2014.

Related Occupations:

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Paramedics, Home Health Aides, and Physician Assistants

Famous Nurses:

Clara Barton
Mary Breckinridge
Mary E. Mahoney
Florence Nightingale

For more information on nursing, visit these websites:

Occupational Outlook Handbook:
www.bls.gov/oco/

Echoices.com: www.florida.echoices.com

Or visit the **Career Resource Center.**

Possible Job Titles:

- Critical Care Nurse
- Emergency Nurse
- Forensic Nurse
- Long Term Care Nurse
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Nurse Practitioner
- Perioperative Nurse

Special Points of Interest:

- Some RNs begin their careers as LPNs or Nursing Aides.
- All states require students to graduate from an approved nursing program and pass the licensing examination NCLEX-RN.
- Nursing is the largest health care career. Registered Nurses held over 2.3 million jobs in 2004.
- Nurses can pursue postgraduate training for specialization in areas such as the operating room or premature nursery.