



Career Guide

Nursing

Profession Description

Nurses are advocates for their patients and their families. They provide a wide range of care, help maintain patient medical records, and assist doctors in carrying out different health procedures. Nurses may also specialize in different health fields.

Building trust and strong bonds with patients is important for nurses to maintain. These allow for a patient to open up and inform nurses of what might be troubling them, and this information will help in diagnosing and treating them.

Academic Requirements

- Associate/Bachelor Degree in Nursing (Accelerated Nursing Programs are Available)
- Nursing License from NCLEX

Professional Associations

- American Nurses Association (ANA)
- The American Board of Nursing Specialities (ABNS)
- State Nursing Associations
- Emergency Nursing Association (ENA)
- National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)

Further Resources

- Glass Door (<https://www.glassdoor.com/index.htm>)
- Bureau of Labor Statistics (<https://www.bls.gov/>)
- Explore Health Careers (<https://explorehealthcareers.org/>)
- NU Career Guides (<https://careers.northeastern.edu/group/career-guides/>)

Related Fields

- Public Health
- Cardiology
- Psychology
- Emergency Services
- Pediatrics