

# NURSING CAREERS

Nurses provide personalized and focused care to patients. They promote health, preventative care, and help manage a patient's symptoms. Nurses can practice independently, but more commonly work with different professionals a part of a healthcare team. As educators, nurses give back to the community by teaching others how to manage and prevent illness.<sup>10</sup>

## Projected Growth<sup>4</sup>

Overall employment of nursing careers is expected to grow



from 2020 to 2030.

## Job Outlook<sup>4</sup>

Job growth for nursing careers is strong, especially in long-term healthcare facilities. Careers in outpatient care centers, residential care facilities, and home healthcare agencies are also expected to grow.

### Medical Assistant<sup>1</sup>

Medical assistants do not require specific credentials to practice with the exception of those involved in special duties like x-rays or phlebotomy. Medical assistants handle administrative and clinical duties in hospitals, physician offices, and other types of healthcare facilities.

Average Salary:  
**\$37,190<sup>1</sup>**



Average Salary:  
**\$30,290<sup>6</sup>**

### Certified Nursing Assistant<sup>6</sup>

Certified nursing assistants (CNAs) work directly under licensed nurses. They care for a wide variety of patients that are otherwise unable to care for themselves. CNAs are the healthcare professionals that patients often interact with the most. Patients' comfort and recovery often depends on basic CNA tasks, like gathering medical supplies and repositioning, bathing, feeding, or grooming patients.



### Registered Nurse<sup>3</sup>

Registered nurses (RNs) must be licensed. The most common education paths include a bachelor's degree, associate degree, or a nursing program diploma. RNs are responsible for providing and coordinating patient care and educating patients and caregivers about various health conditions.

Average Salary:  
**\$77,600<sup>3</sup>**



Average Salary:  
**\$77,600<sup>9</sup>**

### Clinical Nurse Leader<sup>9</sup>

A clinical nurse leader (CNL) is a master's level educated nurse who focuses on improving patients' quality of care. Working with a team of doctors, social workers, specialists, and nurse practitioners, CNLs evaluate and work to improve treatment outcomes through evidence-based change.



### Nurse Practitioner<sup>2</sup>

As advanced practice nurses, nurse practitioners (NPs) provide comprehensive services like diagnostic care and preventative health maintenance. NPs, like RNs, focus on patient education and holistic care. State by state, NPs may be required to practice under a physician.

Average Salary:  
**\$121,610<sup>5</sup>**



## Top Soft Skills<sup>11</sup>

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Empathy
- Adaptability



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