

Why Nursing is an Ideal Career... Real Feedback from Real Nurses

"Why I love nursing—I am never bored! At the end of each work day I can look at myself in the mirror and like the person I see. Whether I am holding the hand of someone breathing their last breath or welcoming a new life into the world, there is great satisfaction in this work. I change lives for the better every single day! Next to becoming a mother, nursing is the most rewarding thing I have done in my life."

-Karen de La Cruz, RN, MSN, AACP/FNP

"Nursing is an ideal career because I can make a difference in my home, neighborhood, community and the world. I serve people every day. I can think of no greater experience than helping people and, more amazingly, getting paid for doing it!"

-Debra Wing, RN, MSNEd, CNE

"Nursing is a wonderful profession because you get to do a lot of different things and in various health care settings (home, school, doctor's office, hospital, university, etc). You can change your job without having to change your profession! Another thing is the great flexibility, based on your personal or family needs, you can usually find a job that accommodates non-traditional hours. The pay is good, as you are able to support yourself and your family."

-Linda Egbert, RN, MSN, CPHQ



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EXPLORE THE MANY EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN NURSING



**Looking for an exciting, fast-
paced career, with good
pay, flexible hours and the
opportunity to help improve
the lives of others?
Nursing may be for you!**

What is Nursing?

Nursing is a health care profession focused on health improvement, prevention of illness and injury, and caring for the ill and disabled.

Nurses work with individuals, families and communities to maintain or improve health and quality of life.



What Do Nurses Do?

- Evaluates a person's health status and plans for their health needs
- Plans and delivers care
- Educates others on ways to improve their health and prevent illness
- Coordinates plan of care and leads a health care team

Where Do Nurses Work?

- Hospitals
- Doctor's Offices
- Nursing Homes
- Health Policy Organizations
- Home Health Agencies
- Insurance Companies
- Government

What are the Different Types of Nurses?

Nurses are licensed by the state they will be practicing in and receive their license after passing their state's board examination. Different types of nurses require different training and have different sets of skills.

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) - are nurses whose training focuses on the basics of nursing care. The program is usually about 18 months. LPNs are supervised by a registered nurse or other licensed health care provider.

Registered Nurses (RNs) - are trained to understand health and diseases in the body, and make important decisions to guide the care they give. RNs prioritize patient needs, identify and evaluate changes in patient conditions, and apply evidence-based nursing care. They direct the nursing team, and supervise and delegate to LPNs and nursing assistants. RNs can be licensed after receiving an associate degree or bachelor's degree in nursing; a bachelor's degree is recommended to help best prepare for the job and future career advancement.



Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) - have a graduate degree in nursing and are knowledgeable, highly skilled nurses. APRNs can practice independently in the community, as well as hospital settings. Examples of APRNs are certified nurse midwives, nurse practitioners and certified nurse anesthetists.

What Do Utah Nurses Earn?

RN's in Utah make an average of \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year. Nurses with more training and education can earn even more.

Why Should I Be Interested in Nursing?

- Fast-paced career with many options
- Get to help and care for others
- High job demand



Is There Financial Support for My Nursing Education?

- Scholarships, loans and financial aid are available
- Nursing schools often offer scholarships
- Federal loans and grants are available at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- For more information on scholarship and financial aid programs visit www.nursinginutah.org

Where Can I Get More Information?

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