

NURSING CAREER FACTS

<p>What do nurses do?</p>	<p>Nurses work to prevent disease and promote health. They help patients who are ill by planning, assessing, and providing treatment and evaluating their progress.</p>
<p>What are some career options for nurses?</p>	<p>Mental health nurses provide nursing care for patients dealing with mental health conditions.</p> <p>Nurse anesthetists administer anesthesia and monitor patients during surgery.</p> <p>Nurse practitioners diagnose patients and prescribe treatments.</p> <p>Oncology nurses work with patients who have or who are at risk of getting cancer.</p> <p>Pediatric nurses provide nursing care to children.</p> <p>Public health nurses focus on health promotion and illness prevention.</p>
<p>What education do I need?</p>	<p>You can receive an associate's degree in nursing after completing a 2-year program at a community college.</p> <p>A bachelor's degree requires 4 years at a university. If you have an associate's degree in nursing, you can complete a bridge program in fewer years. Management and leadership roles in nursing typically require a bachelor's degree.</p> <p>You can become a registered nurse (RN) with either an associate's or bachelor's degree if you pass the standardized NCLEX exam.</p>
<p>Many nurses earn master's and doctorate degrees to become advanced practice nurses, teach in nursing programs, or perform research. Advanced practice nurses can see their own patients, make medical diagnoses, and prescribe medication.</p>	<p>With a 2-year master's degree from a university and passage of a credentialing exam, you can become an advanced practice nurse such as a nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, or nurse anesthetist.</p> <p>A doctorate degree (PhD or DNP) can take 4 to 6 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PhD in nursing prepares nurse leaders for careers in scientific research. • A DNP degree program prepares nurses for roles in teaching and health care leadership or management roles.
<p><i>Other Facts</i></p>	
<p>Where do nurses work?</p>	<p>Common settings are hospitals, clinics, schools, health departments, insurance companies, nursing and long-term care centers, and telehealth centers.</p>