

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN NURSING

CAREER INFORMATION FOR A DEGREE IN NURSING

This handout provides sources of career information for **NURSING** students. There are different career options available in the field of **NURSING**. Below is a sample of some of the types of positions for graduates in **NURSING**. Please note that you might require further education and experience for some positions.

SKILLS DEVELOPED BY NURSING STUDENTS

- Compassionate and empathic listening skills
- Presentation to groups
- Research and analysis
- Active listening and questioning
- Understanding other cultures
- Leadership abilities
- Ability to work collaboratively in a group
- Problem solving abilities
- Ability to read materials accurately and analytically
- Leadership skills
- Calculate and administer medications
- Comfort the dying and support the families of those who are ill
- Teach procedures and health practices to patients and families
- Monitored and maintained patient charts and confidential files
- Operated and maintained monitors of bio-medical equipment
- Ability to collaborate with other health care professionals
- Proficiency in understanding, organizing and integrating information
- Accurately gather information in a systematic manner in order to determine the health-related needs
- Ability to carry out tasks with thoroughness and precision
- Skills in formulating criteria, evaluations and making decisions
- Critical thinking and abstract reasoning skills
- Creativity and flexibility in thinking
- Medical terminology and medication administration skills
- Performed clinical tasks according to hospital policies
- Readily develop rapport with patients and families, staff and physicians

CAREERS IN NURSING

- Direct Care- provide healthcare services, coordinate health care and support clients in their self-care
- Education- teaching individuals various health care topics
- Administration- Administration of hospitals or other practice settings, can hold positions in any level of government
- Research- conducting research in various nursing/health care topics
- Policy – monitoring, advocating and providing recommendations on health care topics to various levels of governments or stakeholders

EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE NURSING GRADUATES

In the Community...

- Schools (Elementary, Universities, Colleges)
- Clinics (After hours, specialty clinics)
- Organizations with wellness programs
- Doctor's Offices
- Home care
- Poison control centres
- 811 centres
- Mental Health areas
- Rehab centres

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- Maternity
- Palliative (dying people)
- Emergency
- Intensive Care
- Operating Room
- Addictions areas
- Geriatrics (seniors)
- Post-surgery
- Cardiovascular (heart)
- Oncology (cancer)
- Psychiatry
- Pediatrics (children)
- Ophthalmology

NURSING JOBS

Federal Government of Canada
<http://jobs.gc.ca>

Provincial Governments (please check each Provincial Government's website for job opportunities.

Canadian Nursing Jobs
<http://www.canadanursingjobs.com/>

Talent Egg <http://www.talentegg.ca>

Career Beacon <http://www.careerbeacon.com>

Nursing Careers Canada
<http://www.nursingcareerscanada.ca/canadian-nurse-careers/>

OTHER RESOURCES

Canadian Nurses Association <https://www.cna-aiic.ca/en>

Canadian Nurse <http://www.canadian-nurse.com/en>

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