

# Registered Nurse

## Career Pathway

### JOB DESCRIPTION:

Registered nurses provide direct care for patients such as treating wounds, administering medications, starting IVs, performing diagnostic tests, or assisting physicians in surgery. RNs can also provide advice, education, and emotional support, maintain accurate medical records, and supervise less skilled medical workers.

### SALARY RANGE:

\$24 - \$51 hourly

### EMPLOYMENT:

Work as an RN

- A majority of nurses work in hospitals and surgery centers. Others are employed in physicians' offices, home healthcare agencies, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and schools
- Many nurses specialize in critical care, surgery, addiction, cancer care, geriatrics, psychiatry, or pediatrics.

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING (FOR OPTION 2):

Complete 16 month RN preparation program after college

### PREREQUISITE:

#### Option 1: Nursing College Degree (4 years)

- Courses include Chemistry, Anatomy, Statistics, Microbiology, Pharmacology, etc.
- Programs include three years of clinical experience in various departments such as ICU, Pediatrics, Maternity, etc.
- Pass state exam for Bachelor's Degree in Nursing

#### Option 2: ANY College Degree (4 years)

- Complete any required courses for future nursing program such as Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, Nutrition
- Gain hands-on, direct patient-care experience ( paid or volunteer)

### CERTIFICATIONS/EXAMS:

Must pass national exam to receive Registered Nursing license.

### For more information:

Ask your school's college/career counselor

<https://bouve.northeastern.edu/nursing/programs/bsn/>

<https://goals.curry.edu/nursing>

<https://www.registerednursing.org/schools/boston-ma/>



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