

There are many promising occupations in the health field. Prepare yourself for growing career opportunities in nursing.

Nurses provide professional services to patients to promote, maintain, and restore health, and assist in the management of illness, injury, or infirmity.

General duty registered nurses perform some or all of the following duties:

- assess patients to identify appropriate nursing interventions
- collaborate with members of an interdisciplinary health team
- administer medications and treatments as prescribed
- monitor, assess, address, document, and report symptoms and changes in patients' conditions
- operate and/or monitor medical equipment
- assist in medical procedures
- supervise other nursing staff
- develop and implement a discharge planning process
- provide information to patients and their families on health-related issues

MORE INFORMATION

Programs

Licensed Practical Nursing
NSCC Nova Scotia Community College
 Search Learning Programs
www.nsc.ca

Registered Nursing
Dalhousie University
www.dal.ca

St. Frances Xavier University
www.stfx.ca

Professional Organizations

The College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia
www.clpnns.ca

The College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia
www.crnns.ca

The Directory of Canadian Registered Nurses
www.canadianrn.com/directory/assoc.htm

Career and Job Prospects

Nova Scotia Career and Labour Market Information
 For up-to-date information visit
www.novascotiacareeroptions.ca

Job Futures

Canada's National Career and Education Planning Tool
www.jobfutures.ca

Human Resources and Skill Development Canada

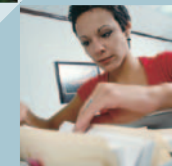
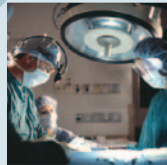
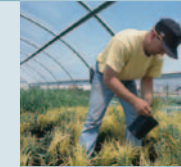
National Occupation Classification (NOC)
www23.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca

NOC Code Search
 Registered Nurse: 3152
 Licensed Practical Nurse: 3233



Career Pathways Series

NURSING



Information for High School Students

PERSONAL SKILLS

NEEDED

Nursing involves being deeply committed to attend to the physical, emotional, and social needs of others.

People who succeed have skills and abilities that include the following:

- > excellent speaking and writing skills
- > physical and emotional endurance
- > sound judgement
- > decision-making skills
- > critical-thinking skills
- > technological skills

WHAT THEY

EARN

Registered Nurse

Average hourly income: \$30.75

Minimum: \$21.00

Maximum: \$35.25

Licensed Practical Nurse

Average hourly income: \$18.75

Minimum: \$11.00

Maximum: \$22.25

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) are trained at community colleges for a period of one year including clinical experience.

Registered nurses (RNs) complete a four-year degree. RNs' work involves greater depth and scope of responsibility than LPN work. Registered nurses often have a broader range of mobility among related occupations.

What is a Nurse Practitioner?

Nurses with advanced education (Masters of Nursing in Advanced Practice) are licensed to practise in a Nurse Practitioner or Advanced Practice role.

In Nova Scotia, a nurse practitioner may

- > make a diagnosis identifying a disease, disorder, or condition
- > communicate the diagnosis to the client
- > order and interpret some screening and diagnostic tests
- > select, recommend, prescribe, and monitor the effectiveness of drugs and some interventions

WHERE THEY

WORK

In institutions, a nurse may specialize in

- > anesthesia
- > emergency room
- > forensic
- > geriatrics
- > informatics
- > long-term care
- > nurse manager
- > occupational health and safety
- > operating room
- > primary care
- > rehabilitation
- > specialist care

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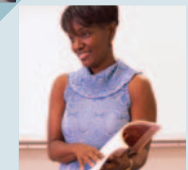
- > doctors' offices
- > education
- > health organizations such as the Red Cross
- > home care
- > mental health
- > private practice
- > public health

REQUIRED

COURSES

Most programs require grade 12 math and two sciences. Chemistry is required for the four-year degree program.

For program admission and licensing requirements, visit the links on the back of this brochure.



**Do many men become nurses?
Absolutely. Men also find nursing to be a challenging, rewarding career that offers a broad range of career mobility. Like women, men are enjoying job security at good rates of pay.**