

Registered Nurse



Step Up to the Future!

What Does a Registered Nurse Do?

Registered Nurses (RNs) are considered by many to be the backbone of health care. They work in many settings; hospitals (60%), ambulatory care clinics, nursing homes, home health agencies, schools, government agencies and the military.

In any setting, an RN is responsible for formulating and implementing care plans, performing physical assessments, providing health promotion, counseling and education, and administering medications and other therapeutic interventions as prescribed. Nurses interpret patient information and make critical decisions about needed actions, coordinate care in collaboration with other health care professionals and

conduct research in support of improved practice and patient outcomes.



Facts About Registered Nurses & Job Opportunities

According to a document entitled "Key Findings, 2014, Health Occupations in California," prepared by the Centers of Excellence, the need for Registered Nurses in the

ambulatory healthcare and nursing and residential care employer settings is expected to see a projected growth rate of 12%, with a total of 7,103 job openings over the subsequent 12-month period.

The demand for Registered Nurses in California's acute care hospitals varies by region. Refer to the California Nurse Workforce Dashboard (<http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/SupplyDemand/Dashboard.html>) for specific demand information for your region.

RNs must be licensed to practice in California by the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). To take the licensing examination, an applicant must have completed an associate or bachelor's degree nursing program.

Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) may become eligible for the RN license by enrolling in a 12-18 month Career Advancement (step-up) program.

An applicant for registered nursing programs must be a high school graduate or have a GED. Community colleges offer programs leading to an associate degree. Four-year colleges and universities grant a bachelor's degree in nursing. Some prerequisites to taking a Registered Nurse program at a community college or university may include Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Microbiology, English, and Beginning Algebra. They may also include Basic Nutrition, Psychology, Sociology and Speech as corequisites or prerequisites. All nursing programs include supervised clinical experience.



Personal Characteristics & Working Conditions

- Excellent people skills: Able to put patients of all ages and backgrounds at ease, gain their confidence, provide clear instructions, and act assertively to manage emotionally charged situations.
- Excellent communication and assessment skills: Able to observe subtle changes in the health and behavior of patients, make decisions about needed actions, communicate accurate clinical information, and work with a multi-disciplinary team.
- Position Requirements: Able/willing to work weekends, holidays, nights and 8-12 hour shifts, be in good health, be physically active for long periods of time, tolerate exposure to blood, bodily fluids and unpleasant odors, and deal with challenging situations.
- In order to be licensed, the RN candidate must pass a criminal background check and be cleared by the BRN.

Sources for Further Information About Registered Nurses:

California Community Colleges' Health Program Directory

www.ca-hwi.org

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association (FNSNA) www.nсна.org

Discover Nursing

www.discovernursing.com

Health Care Careers

www.anacalifornia.org

National Licensing Exam: National Council of State Boards of Nursing www.ncsbn.org

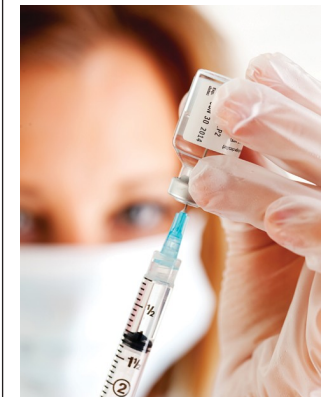
California Licensing: Department of Consumer Affairs, California Board of Registered Nursing:

www.rn.ca.gov

For more information on salaries go to:

www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/

<http://salarysurfer.cccco.edu>



Registered Nurse (RN) Programs are Available at the Following Community Colleges:

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| Allan Hancock College | Los Angeles Southwest College |
| American River College | Los Angeles Trade-Tech College |
| Antelope Valley College | Los Angeles Valley College |
| Bakersfield College | Los Medanos College |
| Butte College | Mendocino College |
| Cabrillo College | Merced College |
| Cerritos College | Merritt College |
| Chabot College | MiraCosta College |
| Chaffey Community College | Mission College |
| Citrus College | Modesto Junior College |
| City College of San Francisco | Monterey Peninsula College |
| College of Marin | Moorpark College |
| College of San Mateo | Mt. San Antonio College |
| College of the Canyons | Mt. San Jacinto College |
| College of the Desert | Napa Valley College |
| College of the Redwoods | Ohlone College |
| College of the Sequoias | Palomar College |
| College of the Siskiyous | Pasadena City College |
| Contra Costa College | Porterville College |
| Copper Mountain College | Rio Hondo College |
| Cuesta College | Riverside City College |
| Cypress College | Sacramento City College |
| De Anza College | Saddleback College |
| East Los Angeles College | San Bernardino Valley College |
| El Camino College | San Diego City College |
| El Camino College-Compton Community Educational Center | San Joaquin Delta College |
| Evergreen Valley College | Santa Ana College |
| Fresno City College | Santa Barbara City College |
| Gavilan College | Santa Monica College |
| Glendale Community College | Santa Rosa Junior College |
| Golden West College | Shasta College |
| Grossmont College | Sierra Community College |
| Hartnell College | Solano Community College |
| Imperial Valley College | Southwestern College |
| Long Beach City College | Ventura College |
| Los Angeles City College | Victor Valley Community College |
| Los Angeles Harbor College | West Hills College |
| Los Angeles Pierce College | Yuba College |

Find out more information at:
www.ca-hwi.org

For more information, please contact one of the colleges listed above or explore the web resources. For additional information regarding this brochure please contact: The Health Workforce Initiative at Butte College (530) 892-3060



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Associate Degree Nursing Program

Application Period February 1 - 14 Annually

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Friday: 8am – 4:30pm

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Monday – Thursday 7:30am – 5:30pm

Friday – Closed

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