



## REGISTERED NURSE

Average Salary:  
\$30.02 (hourly) \$62,450 (annual)

Education:  
Associates or Bachelor's

Projected 2028 Employment:  
33,369

Average Annual Job Openings:  
1,965

**Common Job Titles:** Charge Nurse, Emergency Department RN (Emergency Department Registered Nurse), Oncology RN (Oncology Registered Nurse), Operating Room Registered Nurse (OR RN), Public Health Nurse (PHN), Registered Nurse (RN), School Nurse, Staff Nurse, Staff RN (Staff Registered Nurse)

RNs work to promote health, prevent disease and help patients cope with illness. They are advocates and health educators for patients, families and communities. When providing direct patient care, they observe, assess and record symptoms, reactions and progress, and make nursing interventions based on nursing judgements obtained from findings; perform technical skills in delivery of nursing care; assist physicians and other health care team members; administer medications; and participate in care for restoration and rehabilitation.

RNs develop and manage nursing care plans; instruct patients and their families in actions promoting healthy lifestyle choices and proper care; and help individuals and groups take steps to improve and maintain their health. While state laws govern the practice of RNs, it is usually the work setting that determines their day-to-day job duties.

In all states, students must graduate from a nursing program and pass a national licensing examination to obtain a nursing license. Nurses may be licensed in more than one state, either by examination or endorsement of a license issued by another state.