

Nurse

Nurses give care, advice and support to adults and children who are sick, injured or have physical disabilities.

Annual Salary

£22,000 to £48,000

Working hours

37 to 42

5%

Future employment

**There will be 5% more Nursing jobs in 2023.
In your local area**



What's it all about?

What you'll do

You'll work in hospitals, nursing homes, health centres, clinics, schools or prisons.

In an NHS hospital you could work in accident and emergency, cardiac rehabilitation, outpatients, neonatal nursing or an operating theatre.

Your day-to-day duties could include:

- taking temperatures, blood pressures and pulse rates
- helping doctors with physical examinations
- giving drugs and injections
- cleaning and dressing wounds
- setting up drips and blood transfusions
- using medical equipment
- checking patients' progress
- working with doctors to decide what care to give
- advising patients and their relatives
- handling confidential information

Entry requirements

You'll need:

- a degree in adult nursing
- to register with the [Nursing and Midwifery Council \(NMC\)](#)
- clearance from the [Disclosure and Barring Service](#)

Nursing degree apprenticeships are being developed from 2017. [Health Careers](#) have information about all nurse training, including nursing degree apprenticeships.

[The Nursing and Midwifery Council](#) have information on how to become a nurse.

Employment by region

Region	Jobs
South West	64,444
Wales	41,870
Yorkshire and the Humber	51,473
South East	79,202
North West	74,695
West Midlands	66,765
Scotland	69,362
East Midlands	42,721
East of England	52,601
Northern Ireland	25,638
London	111,140
North East	40,403

Salary

£22,000 to £48,000

Starter salary: £22,000 to £28,500

Experienced salary: £26,250 to £41,000

These figures are a guide.

Working hours

37 to 42

You'll usually work 37.5 hours a week including evenings, weekends, night shifts and bank holidays.

The job can be physically demanding.

Most jobs are in the NHS. You could work in hospital wards, nursing homes, hospices, schools, colleges, private hospitals and in the community, visiting patients at home.

Career path and progression

With experience, you could become a Nursing Sister, Ward Manager or Team Leader.

You could train as a Midwife, Neonatal Nurse, Health Visitor, District or Practice Nurse. You could move into management, as a Matron or Director of Nursing.

With a master's, you could become an Advanced Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse Specialist then a Nurse Consultant.

You could also become self-employed or work overseas.