

Careers Information

Job title:	Nursing
Entry requirements You'll need: A degree in adult nursing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)• Clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service You may be able to get NHS funding to pay for your course fees and help with your living expenses. Explore the different ways to get into this role. You can get into this job through a university course or an Apprenticeship. You might be able to get additional student financial support through the NHS Learning Support Fund . The Find an apprenticeship service can help you with your search, send alerts when new apprenticeships become available and has advice on how to apply.	
Skills required You'll need: Excellent organisational and time management skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent listening and communication skills	
Volunteering You'll find it helpful to get some experience before you apply for nurse training. You could: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• get some experience working in health or social care• get advice from the voluntary services co-ordinator at your local NHS trust• find volunteering opportunities through the National Council for Voluntary Organisations and Do IT	
What you'll do You'll work in hospitals, nursing homes, health centers, clinics 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

Working hours/patterns/environment

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

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.

Relevant courses

- Level 3 Access to Health Professionals/Nursing
- Degree in General Nursing
- Counselling courses

Courses/Training Providers include:

South Essex College

Barking & Dagenham College.

Writtle University College.

HARLOW COLLEGE.

SEEVIC.

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/nurse>

<http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/> <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>