Registered Nurses

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■ Key Facts

$93,600	**3,391,000**	**+5.0%**
Median Salary	Employment	Growth Rate

■ Requirements & Salary Range

Education: Bachelor's degree

■ Automation Risk Assessment

Low Risk - 5.0% probability of being automated in the next 10-20 years.

This job is relatively safe from automation due to its creative, social, or complex problem-solving requirements.

■■ Work-Life Balance

6.8/10 - Good work-life balance

■ Personality Fit (RIASEC)

Higher scores indicate better personality fit for this career type.

Realistic	5.4/10	**Investigative**	8.6/10
Artistic	4.8/10	**Social**	9.0/10
Enterprising	5.4/10	**Conventional**	6.2/10

■ Top Skills Required

Critical-thinking skills, Communication skills, Compassion, Detail oriented, Emotional stability, Organizational skills, Physical stamina

✓ Strengths

• High Demand
• Flexible Work
• Continuous Learning

■ Challenges

• Burnout Risk
• Rapid Technological Change

■ What They Do

Registered Nurses provide and coordinate **patient care, educate patients and the public, and offer support to families**. They assess patient conditions, administer treatments, and collaborate with healthcare teams to ensure optimal health outcomes. Their work is critical in hospitals, clinics, and community health settings.

This career is well suited for individuals who enjoy healthcare, patient interaction, and problem-solving in medical environments.

What Do Registered Nurses Do?

These professionals monitor patient health, administer treatments, and provide guidance for maintaining wellness.

Common responsibilities include:

- Assessing and recording patient medical histories and symptoms
- Administering medications, treatments, and vaccinations
- Coordinating with physicians and healthcare providers to plan patient care
- Educating patients and families about health management and disease prevention
- Monitoring patient progress and adjusting care plans as needed
- Maintaining accurate and confidential medical records
- Responding to emergencies and providing critical care

Key Areas of Nursing

Registered nurses may specialize in specific patient care areas or clinical functions:

- Medical-Surgical Nursing: Caring for hospitalized patients with various conditions
- Pediatric or Geriatric Nursing: Providing care for children or elderly patients
- Critical Care and Emergency Nursing: Managing acute or life-threatening situations
- Community and Public Health Nursing: Educating and promoting health in populations
- Specialty Nursing: Focusing on fields like oncology, cardiology, or surgical care

Skills and Abilities Needed

Registered nurses combine clinical knowledge, technical skills, and interpersonal abilities.

Core Professional Skills

Personal Qualities That Matter

Education and Career Pathway

This role typically requires formal education and licensure:

- Bachelor's or Associate Degree in Nursing: Accredited nursing programs
- Clinical Training or Practicum: Hands-on experience in hospitals, clinics, or healthcare settings
- Licensure: Passing the NCLEX-RN exam to practice as a registered nurse
- Specialty Certifications (optional): Advanced practice or focused clinical areas
- Continuing Education: Maintaining licensure and staying current with medical practices

Where Do Registered Nurses Work?

They are employed in organizations providing direct patient care and health services:

- Hospitals and Medical Centers
- Clinics and Physician Offices
- Long-Term Care and Rehabilitation Facilities
- Community Health and Public Health Agencies

- Schools, Research Institutions, and Home Health Services

Work environments include patient rooms, clinics, hospitals, and community health sites.

Is This Career Difficult?

This career requires strong medical knowledge, attention to detail, and the ability to work under pressure. Nurses must manage patient care, handle emergencies, and maintain professional standards.

Who Should Consider This Career?

This career may be a strong fit if you:

- Enjoy helping and caring for others
- Are detail-oriented and able to handle stress
- Have strong communication and critical thinking skills
- Are compassionate, ethical, and resilient
- Want a career providing essential healthcare services

How to Prepare Early

- Take courses in biology, chemistry, and health sciences
- Volunteer or work in healthcare settings
- Develop communication, empathy, and problem-solving skills
- Explore accredited nursing programs and clinical training opportunities
- Stay informed on healthcare practices, medical technology, and patient care standards

Registered nurses provide essential patient care, promote health education, and support families, ensuring quality healthcare and positive outcomes across diverse medical settings.