

# **CAREER PROFILES**

# **Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses:**

This NOC code group includes **Registered Nurses**, **Registered Psychiatric Nurses**, and graduates of a nursing program who are awaiting registration (Graduate Nurses). They provide direct nursing care to patients, deliver health education programs, and provide consultative services regarding issues relevant to the practice of nursing.

# Wage/Salary Information:

\$74,100 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$34.30/hour is the median wage reported locally.

### **Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:**

- Oral and written communication
- Work independently
- Critical thinking
- Organizational skills
- Problem solving
- Detail oriented
- Computer use
- Time management
- Decision making

- Management
- Conflict resolution
- Analytical
- Teamwork
- Microsoft Office
- Interpersonal
- Leadership
- Manual dexterity
- Customer service oriented

### **Job Duties:**

Registered Nurses assess patients to identify appropriate nursing interventions and collaborate with members of an interdisciplinary health team to plan, implement, co-ordinate, and evaluate patient care in consultation with patients and their families. Registered Nurses administer medications and treatments as prescribed by a physician or according to established policies and protocols and monitor, assess, address, document, and report symptoms and changes in patients' conditions. They operate or monitor medical apparatus or

equipment and assist in surgery and other medical procedures. Registered Nurses also may supervise licensed practical nurses and other nursing staff and may also develop and implement discharge planning process on admission of patients.

# **Working Conditions:**

Nurses mainly work in health-care facilities, such as hospitals, clinics, residential facilities, and doctor's offices as independent practitioners or team members. Community and public health nurses travel to patients' homes, schools, businesses, community centres, or other sites.

Most Nurses work 8 to 12 hour shifts, usually on rotation, including weekends, evenings, nights, and holidays. On average, full-time Nurses work 36 to 40 hours per week and part-time work is quite common.

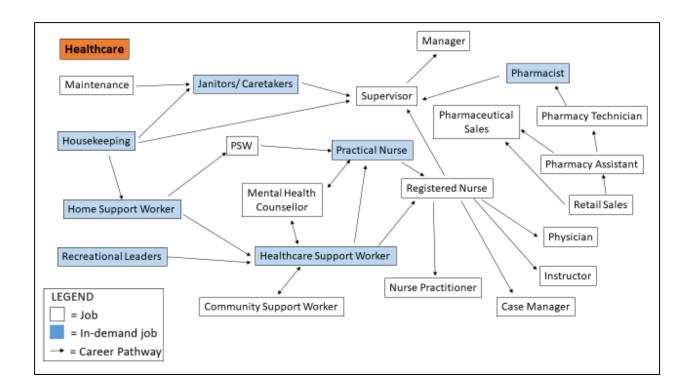
Nurses use lifting devices and follow safety procedures to reduce the risk of workplace injuries and illness. New technologies and policies have resulted in a patient's reduced length of stay (i.e. more day surgeries are performed), which adds to the workload.

Nurses have to cope with the emotional aspects of working with the sick, injured and terminally ill, as well as patients' families.

# **Career Pathways:**

Registered Nurses are employed in a variety of settings including hospitals, nursing homes, extended care facilities, rehabilitation centres, doctors' offices, clinics, community agencies, companies, private homes, and public and private organizations or they may be self-employed. Below are potential career paths for registered nurses:

- Clinical Nurse
- Community Health Nurse
- Critical Care Nurse
- Emergency Care Nurse
- Intensive Care Nurse
- Nurse Researcher
- Nursing Consultant
- Occupational Health Nurse
- Private Duty Nurse
- Public Health Nurse
- Registered Nurse (R.N.)
- Registered Psychiatric Nurse (R.P.N.)



# **Education and Training Pathways:**

If you're interested in becoming a registered nurse, you can acquire training/education locally at any of the following institutions.

#### St. Clair College:

## **Nursing BScN**

## Admission/Eligibility Requirements:

- OSSD with 6 Grade 12 (U/M) courses including Grade 12 English (ENG4U) with a minimum of 65%, Chemistry (SCH4U) and Biology (SBI4U) with an overall average of 70% or better (with a minimum of 70% in both Chemistry and Biology)
- Grade 12 (U) or (C) math also required

Academic Credential: Four Year - Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Professional Certification:** Graduates eligible to write the CNATS to achieve professional status of Registered Nurse in Canada

**Attendance:** In-person

Full-time or Part-time: Full-time

**Program Length:** 4 years - 8 semesters

Program Cycle: Unknown

Program Cost: Unknown

**OSAP Eligible:** Yes

Location: 2000 Talbot Road West, Windsor, N9A 6S4 and 401 Sunset Avenue, Windsor, N9B

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For more information on this program, please visit:

http://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/postsec/nursing/

### **University of Windsor:**

# Nursing

# **Admission Requirements:**

- 85% minimum average of the top six required Grade 12 U or M courses
- Courses required include: Grade 12 U English (with minimum grade of 65%), Grade 12 U Chemistry, Grade 12 U Biology, and one Grade 12 Math (80% minimum second average required for Chemistry and Biology). A minimum grade of 65% required in ENG4U.
- An interview with the Faculty of Nursing Admissions Committee may be required
- Successful applicants must complete a Standard First Aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course for healthcare professionals (HCP) and acquire an extended, vulnerable sector police clearance
- Proof of special immunizations and tests will also be required

Academic Credential: Degree - Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Professional Certification: Can write NCLEX exam to become a RPN

**Attendance:** In-person

Full-time or Part-time: Full-time

Program Length: 4 years

Program Cycle: Intake for Fall, Winter

**Program Cost:** \*\$7925.22

**OSAP Eligible:** Yes

**Location**: 401 Sunset Avenue, Windsor, N9B 3P4
For more information on this program, please visit:

http://www.uwindsor.ca/nursing/

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