

# Registered Nurse



## Step Up to the Future!

### What Does a Registered Nurse Do?

Registered Nurses (RNs) are considered by many to be the backbone of health care. They work in many settings; hospitals (60%), ambulatory care clinics, nursing homes, home health agencies, schools, government agencies and the military.

In any setting, an RN is responsible for formulating and implementing care plans, performing physical assessments, providing health promotion, counseling and education, and administering medications and other therapeutic interventions as prescribed. Nurses interpret patient information and make critical decisions about needed actions, coordinate care in collaboration with other health care professionals and

conduct research in support of improved practice and patient outcomes.



### Facts About Registered Nurses & Job Opportunities

According to a document entitled "Key Findings, 2014, Health Occupations in California," prepared by the Centers of Excellence, the need for Registered Nurses in the

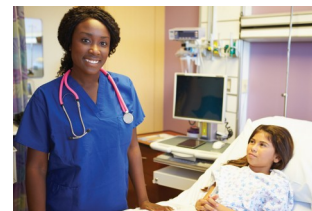
ambulatory healthcare and nursing and residential care employer settings is expected to see a projected growth rate of 12%, with a total of 7,103 job openings over the subsequent 12-month period.

The demand for Registered Nurses in California's acute care hospitals varies by region. Refer to the California Nurse Workforce Dashboard (<http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/SupplyDemand/Dashboard.html>) for specific demand information for your region.

RNs must be licensed to practice in California by the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). To take the licensing examination, an applicant must have completed an associate or bachelor's degree nursing program.

Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) may become eligible for the RN license by enrolling in a 12-18 month Career Advancement (step-up) program.

An applicant for registered nursing programs must be a high school graduate or have a GED. Community colleges offer programs leading to an associate degree. Four-year colleges and universities grant a bachelor's degree in nursing. Some prerequisites to taking a Registered Nurse program at a community college or university may include Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Microbiology, English, and Beginning Algebra. They may also include Basic Nutrition, Psychology, Sociology and Speech as corequisites or prerequisites. All nursing programs include supervised clinical experience.



### Personal Characteristics & Working Conditions

- Excellent people skills: Able to put patients of all ages and backgrounds at ease, gain their confidence, provide clear instructions, and act assertively to manage emotionally charged situations.
- Excellent communication and assessment skills: Able to observe subtle changes in the health and behavior of patients, make decisions about needed actions, communicate accurate clinical information, and work with a multi-disciplinary team.
- Position Requirements: Able/willing to work weekends, holidays, nights and 8-12 hour shifts, be in good health, be physically active for long periods of time, tolerate exposure to blood, bodily fluids and unpleasant odors, and deal with challenging situations.
- In order to be licensed, the RN candidate must pass a criminal background check and be cleared by the BRN.

### Sources for Further Information About Registered Nurses:

**California Community Colleges' Health Program Directory**

[www.ca-hwi.org](http://www.ca-hwi.org)

**The Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association (FNSNA)** [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org)

**Discover Nursing**

[www.discovernursing.com](http://www.discovernursing.com)

**Health Care Careers**

[www.anacalifornia.org](http://www.anacalifornia.org)

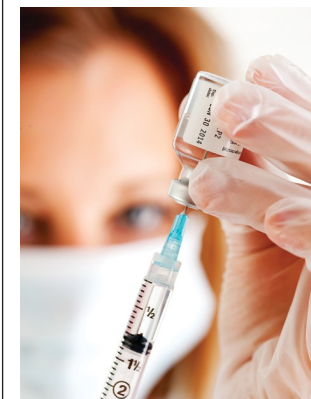
**National Licensing Exam: National Council of State Boards of Nursing** [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org)

**California Licensing: Department of Consumer Affairs, California Board of Registered Nursing:**

[www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov)

**For more information on salaries go to:**

[www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/)  
<http://salarysurfer.cccco.edu>



**Registered Nurse (RN) Programs are Available at the Following Community Colleges:**

Allan Hancock College	Los Angeles Southwest College
American River College	Los Angeles Trade-Tech College
Antelope Valley College	Los Angeles Valley College
Bakersfield College	Los Medanos College
Butte College	Mendocino College
Cabrillo College	Merced College
Cerritos College	Merritt College
Chabot College	MiraCosta College
Chaffey Community College	Mission College
Citrus College	Modesto Junior College
City College of San Francisco	Monterey Peninsula College
College of Marin	Moorpark College
College of San Mateo	Mt. San Antonio College
College of the Canyons	Mt. San Jacinto College
College of the Desert	Napa Valley College
College of the Redwoods	Ohlone College
College of the Sequoias	Palomar College
College of the Siskiyous	Pasadena City College
Contra Costa College	Porterville College
Copper Mountain College	Rio Hondo College
Cuesta College	Riverside City College
Cypress College	Sacramento City College
De Anza College	Saddleback College
East Los Angeles College	San Bernardino Valley College
El Camino College	San Diego City College
El Camino College-Compton Community Educational Center	San Joaquin Delta College
Evergreen Valley College	Santa Ana College
Fresno City College	Santa Barbara City College
Gavilan College	Santa Monica College
Glendale Community College	Santa Rosa Junior College
Golden West College	Shasta College
Grossmont College	Sierra Community College
Hartnell College	Solano Community College
Imperial Valley College	Southwestern College
Long Beach City College	Ventura College
Los Angeles City College	Victor Valley Community College
Los Angeles Harbor College	West Hills College
Los Angeles Pierce College	Yuba College

Find out more information at:  
[www.ca-hwi.org](http://www.ca-hwi.org)

For more information, please contact one of the colleges listed above or explore the web resources. For additional information regarding this brochure please contact: The Health Workforce Initiative at Butte College (530) 892-3060



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**Associate Degree Nursing Program**

The ADN Program application period includes the second Thursday through the fourth Thursday each February.

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**Friday – Closed**

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