

## **3152 Registered Nurses**

This unit group includes registered nurses, nurse practitioners, 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. They are employed in a variety of settings including hospitals, nursing homes, extended care facilities, rehabilitation centres, doctors' offices, clinics, community agencies, companies and private homes, or they may be self-employed.

## **Example Titles**

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

## **Main duties**

General duty registered nurses perform some or all of the following duties:

- Assess patients to identify appropriate nursing interventions
- Collaborate with members of an interdisciplinary health team to plan, implement, co-ordinate and evaluate patient care in consultation with patients and their families
- Administer medications and treatments as prescribed by a physician or according to establish policies and protocols
- Monitor, assess, address, document and report symptoms and changes in patients' conditions
- Operate or monitor medical apparatus or equipment
- Assist in surgery and other medical procedures
- May supervise licensed practical nurses and other nursing staff
- May develop and implement discharge planning process on admission of patients
- May teach and counsel patients and their families on health-related issues in collaboration with other health care providers.

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Registered nurses may specialize in areas such as surgery, obstetrics care, psychiatric care, critical care, pediatrics, geriatrics, community health, occupational health, emergency care, rehabilitation or oncology.

Nurse practitioners are independent care providers with a broader scope of practice relative to registered nurses.

Occupational health nurses develop and implement employee health education programs and provide registered nursing care in private businesses and industry.

Community health nurses provide health education and registered nursing care in public health units and through home visits, manage complex home care cases, participate in community needs assessment and program development, conduct disease screening and deliver immunization programs.

Psychiatric nurses provide nursing care, supportive counselling and life skills programming to patients in psychiatric hospitals, mental health clinics, long-term care facilities and community-based settings.

Nursing consultants provide consultative services to institutes, associations and health care organizations regarding issues and concerns relevant to the nursing profession and nursing practice.

Nursing researchers engaged in research activities related to nursing are self-employed or are employed by hospitals, public and private organizations and governments.

Clinical nurses provide leadership, advice and counsel on the provision of research-based care for specific patient groups within the care of particular health care organizations.

## **Employment requirements**

### Registered nurses

Completion of a university, college or other approved registered nursing program is required.

Additional academic training or experience is required to specialize in a specific area of nursing.

A master's or doctoral degree in nursing is usually required for clinical nurse specialists, clinical nurses, nursing consultants and nursing researchers.

Registration with a regulatory body is required in all provinces and territories.

### Nurse practitioners

A master's degree in nursing, or a nursing program or other advanced nurse practitioner diploma program is required.

Registration with a regulatory body is required in all provinces and territories

In Ontario, successful completion of the Extended Class Registration Examination (ECRE) is required for registration as Registered Nurse in the Extended Class RN(EC).

### Registered psychiatric nurses

Completion of a college or other registered psychiatric nursing program is required.

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Registration with a regulatory body is required in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Additional information

Nurses trained exclusively as registered psychiatric nurses (RPN) are recognized only in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. In all other provinces and territories, registered nurses (RN) may work as psychiatric nurses without separate registration.

Registered nurses may progress to supervisory and managerial positions with experience.

## **Classified elsewhere**

Head Nurses and Supervisors (3151)

Licensed Practical Nurses (3233)

Nursing service managers (in 0311 Managers in Health Care)

Registered practical nurses (in 3233 Licensed Practical Nurses)

## **Other Title**

Advanced Nurse Practitioner	Nurse Employed at National Level
Ambulatory Care Nurse	Nurse in Independent Practice
Bedside Nurse	Nurse Instructor
Burn Patient Care Nurse	Nurse of Native Ancestry
Burn Victim Care Nurse	Nurse Practitioner
Cardiac Surgery Nurse	Nurse Researcher
Cardiology Nurse	Nurse Technician
Cardiology Nurse Technician	Nurse, Contagious Disease Transmission Prevention
Casual Duty Nurse	Nurse, Geriatric
Circulating Nurse	Nurse, Hospital Hygiene
Clinic Nurse	Nursing Adviser
Clinical Nurse	Nursing Consultant
Clinical Nurse Specialist	Nursing Counsellor
Co-ordinator, Infection Control - Hospital	Nursing Evaluator
Community Health Nurse	Nursing Researcher - Nurse
Consultant Nurse	Nursing Sister
Consultant, Nursing	Nursing Technician
Contagious Disease Transmission Prevention Nurse	Obstetrics Nurse
Coronary Intensive Care Nurse	Occupational Health Nurse
Coronary Unit Nurse	Occupational Health Nurse Consultant
Critical Care Nurse	Occupational Medicine Nurse
Dialysis Nurse	Office Nurse
Doctor`s Office Nurse	Officer, Infection Control - Hospital
Emergency Care Nurse	On-Call Nurse
Emergency Nurse	Oncology Nurse
First Aid Nurse	Operating Room (OR) Nurse
Float Nurse	OR (operating room) Nurse
General Duty Nurse	Out-Patient Clinic Nurse
General Duty Nurse - Psychiatry	Outpost Nurse

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Geriatric Care Nurse  
Geriatric Nurse  
Gerontology Nurse  
Graduate Nurse  
Graduate Nurse - Doctor`s Office  
Graduate Nurse - Occupational Health  
Graduate Nurse - Physician`s Office  
Graduate Private Duty Nurse  
Graduate Religious Nurse  
Hemodialysis Nurse  
Home Care Neuroscience Nurse  
Home Care Nurse  
Home Care Nurse, Neuroscience  
Hospital Hygiene Nurse  
Hospital Hygienist - Nursing  
Hospital Nurse  
ICU (Intensive Care Unit) Nurse  
Independent Practice Nurse  
Industrial Nurse  
Infection Control Co-Ordinator - Hospital  
Infection Control Nurse  
Infection Control Officer - Hospital  
Infection Control Officer - Medical  
Infection Surveillance Nurse  
Intensive Care Nurse  
Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Nurse  
Liaison Nurse  
Medical Intensive Care Nurse  
Mental Health Nurse  
Missionary Nurse  
Nephrology and Kidney Transplantation Nurse  
Nephrology and Renal Transplantation Nurse  
Nephrology Nurse  
Neuroscience Nurse  
Nurse  
Nurse - Birthing Room  
Nurse - Military  
Nurse Consultant  
Nurse Counsellor  
Nurse Educator  
Outreach Nurse  
Palliative Care Nurse  
Pediatric Intensive Care Nurse  
Pediatric Nurse  
Perinatal Care Nurse  
Physician`s Office Nurse  
Primary Care Nurse  
Primary Nurse  
Private Care Nurse  
Private Duty Nurse  
Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse  
Psychiatric Nurse  
Public and Community Health Nurse  
Public Health Nurse  
Public Health Nurse Consultant  
Recovery Room Nurse  
Red Cross Nurse  
Registered Community Health Nurse  
Registered Industrial Nurse  
Registered Nurse (R.N.)  
Registered Nurse - Public and Community Health  
Registered Psychiatric Nurse (R.P.N.)  
Registered Public Health Nurse  
Religious Nurse  
Respiratory Care Nurse  
Respiratory Nurse Specialist  
RN (Registered Nurse)  
RPN (Registered Psychiatric Nurse)  
School Health Nurse  
School Nurse  
Scrub Nurse  
Staff Nurse  
Surgical Intensive Care Nurse  
Triage Nurse  
Victoria Order Nurse  
Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Nurse  
Visiting Nurse  
VON (Victorian Order of Nurses) Nurse  
Ward Nurse  
Youth Centre Nurse

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