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# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR NURSING MAJORS

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## SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE NURSING MAJOR

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- Active Listener
- Time Management
- Social Perceptiveness
- Monitoring
- Attention to Detail
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Stress Tolerance
- Oral/Written Expression
- Technical
- Record Keeping Skills
- Leadership
- Critical Thinking
- Ability to Instruct
- Integrity
- Dependability
- Concern for Others
- Independence
- Initiative
- Oral/Written Comprehension
- Finger Dexterity
- Pharmaceutical knowledge
- Supervision skills

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## POTENTIAL CAREERS

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### Staff Nursing

- Pediatrics
- Surgical
- Emergency
- Critical Care
- Maternity
- Women's Health
- Newborn Intensive Care
- Cancer Treatment
- Psychiatric
- Operation Room/Recovery Room

### Community and Public Health

- Home Health
- Rural Nursing
- Health Education

### Independent Practice

- Temporary Staffing
- Travel Nursing
- Private Duty
- Midwife

### Government Service

- Staff Nursing
- Administration
- Policy Development
- Research

### Education

- Teaching
- Educational Administration

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## TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

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- Hospitals
  - Physicians Offices
  - Public and Private Schools
  - Church-related Mission Services
  - Social Service Organizations
  - Clinics and Medical Centers
  - Outpatient Surgery centers
  - HMOs
  - Senior Centers
  - Military Bases
  - Daycare Centers
  - Embassies
  - Educational Institutions
  - Prisons
  - Religious Organizations
  - Public Relations Firms
  - Healthcare Websites
  - Insurance Companies
  - World Health Organization
  - Business and Industry
    - Pharmaceutical
    - Medical equipment/Supplies
    - Medical Marketing Corps
  - Law Firms
  - Nursing Homes
  - Hospice
  - Department of Health
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## TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH A BACHELORS IN NURSING

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Registered Nurses, physician assistants	81.9%
Top and mid-level managers, executives, administrators	4.4%
Personnel, training and labor relations specialists	2.8%
Other health occupations	1.7%
Sales occupations, including retail	1.2%
Postsecondary professors	1.0%
Health technologists and technicians	0.9%
Other management-related occupations	0.8%
Insurance, securities, real estate, business services	0.6%
Secretaries, receptionists, typists	0.5%

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## ACTIVITIES ON THE JOB

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- Most of the duties that nurses undertake involve the application of their nursing skills in various clinical settings.
  - Staff supervision and employee relations are a regular part of the daily job duties of many nurses.
  - A substantial number of nurses also engage in teaching activities, often of student nurses engaging in clinical training.
  - Most nursing jobs involve accounting activities usually related to insurance coverage documentation.
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## POST GRADUATION ACTIVITES

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- About 23% of all of graduates with a bachelor's degree in nursing go on to earn a post graduate degree.
  - Only 2% of all of graduates with a bachelor's degree in nursing go on to earn a doctorate degree.
  - 60% of those who earn a master's degree earn it in an nursing specialty.
  - Among those who do earn a doctorate, most often the degree is in an education related area or law.
  - Only 0.2% of nursing majors earn a doctorate in a health-related area.
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## RELATED BOOKS IN THE CAREER RESOURCE LIBRARY (GSC 310)

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- The Nursing Job search Handbook
- Opportunities in Nursing Assistant Careers
- Plunkett's Health Care Industry Almanac
- Careers in Healthcare