



Health Careers In Alaska

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Registered Nurse

Registered nurses (RNs) care for patients and promote their physical, mental and social well being. The duties performed by RNs include: recording medical histories and symptoms, monitoring patient status and progress, assisting in performing diagnostic tests and analyzing the results, administering treatment and medications and helping with patients' follow-up and rehabilitation. RNs also teach patients and their families how to manage their illnesses or injuries. This includes posttreatment home care needs such as diet and exercise programs and self administering medication and physical therapy.

Registered nurses have some of the most varied career choices and roles within health care, and make up the largest

professional segment in terms of numbers. The activities of a registered nurse include patient care in all medical specialties, emergency care, forensic nursing, health maintenance and prevention, mental health, home health care, public health, community health education, school nursing, classroom and clinical teaching, research, planning, and administration.

Registered nurses can achieve positions of leadership and responsibility in profit and non-profit corporations and health care facilities, such as in hospitals, public health agencies, government agencies, and universities. For registered nurses who wish to pursue graduate study, career opportunities expand to include roles as nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, nurse educators, and public health and health services administrators.

Registered Nurse Facts:

Where do registered nurses work in Alaska?

Places of employment include community clinics, hospitals of various sizes, field offices, public schools, colleges, universities, and many more. In addition, many nurses travel throughout the state, the country, or even the world doing fieldwork or working as temporary staff members in hospitals.

Educational Requirements

- Graduation from high school with coursework in algebra, biology, and chemistry.
- Completion of an approved nursing program. Most nurses today earn either an associate degree in nursing or a bachelors degree nursing. Completion of an associate degree nursing program generally requires three years of study while the bachelors degree is usually completed in four to five years.

Hourly Wage Range:

\$28.00-\$50.63 (Mean \$38.15)
**based on Alaska DOL data*

Years in School:

3-5 years (after high school graduation).

Academic Programs in Alaska

The University of Alaska Anchorage offers both a bachelors and associate degree program. For more information, contact:

University of Alaska Anchorage

School of Nursing

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Web site: <http://nursing.uaa.alaska.edu/>

The University of Alaska Southeast and University of Alaska Fairbanks both offer a Certificate in Pre-Nursing Qualifications (CPNQ) which prepares students to enter professional nursing programs. For more information:

Website: <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/academics/undergrad/certs/pn.html>

Website: <http://www.ctc.uaf.edu/programs/health/nursing.htm>

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American Nurses Association

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