



Nurse Practitioner

Nurse Practitioners are Registered Nurses who have completed advanced clinical education to become certified in one or more specialty areas:

- Pediatrics (care of children)
- Family Health
- Women's Health
- Gerontology (care of older people)
- Neonatology (care of newborns)
- Psychiatry (care for mental health)
- College Health
- Community Health (focuses on groups and communities)
- Obstetrics/Gynecology (childbirth and women's reproductive health)
- Palliative Care (care to ease all symptoms of a serious illness)
- Perinatology (care related to high-risk pregnancies)
- Holistic Care (considers the whole person—physical, emotional, etc.)
- School Health
- Acute Care
- Oncology (treatment of cancer)

Nurse Practitioners may diagnose, treat, and prescribe for a patient's condition that falls within their specialty area(s).

Education

A masters or doctorate degree in a [Department-registered](#) nursing licensure program. Nurse Practitioner education programs in New York State must be approved by the New York State Education Department.

- Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements.

Video



Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$113,930 in the U.S., \$120,610 in NY
- Salary range: \$91,240-\$138,990
- Projected growth: much faster than average

Where Could I Work?

- Hospitals, nursing homes, and mental health facilities
- Clinics and private practices
- Home care and hospices
- Schools and public health departments

Your Interests and Abilities

- Biology, psychology, and pharmacology
- Supervised clinical education

Professional Skills

- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Concern for others

What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options!

Explore a free career tool at mynextmove.org/explore/ip

Tip: try searching for mentoring programs—talk to a nurse practitioner about what they do and how they got started!