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Careers in the Licensed Professions

Registered Professional Nurse

A **Registered Professional Nurse**, or RN, provides health care to patients with a variety of medical and mental health conditions. Examples of services:

- administer medications and treatments, as prescribed
- perform physical examinations
- monitor patients' health status
- coordinate care and supervise healthcare staff
- counsel patients on health conditions
- consult with other healthcare providers

Education

An associate's or a bachelor's degree in nursing. RN education programs in New York State must be approved by the New York State Education Department.

Note: effective June 2019, most newly licensed RNs must earn a bachelor's or higher degree in nursing within 10 years from their date of RN licensure. See the Office of the Professions website for guidance about this requirement and related exemptions.

Examination

NCLEX-RN examination developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing

▶ Visit the Office of the Professions for a listing of all license options and requirements.

Video

Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: $71,730 in the U.S., $86,780 in NY
- Salary range: $61,620-$99,830
- 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 registered nurse about what they do and how they got started!