

Nursing

Do you like helping people who are sick or hurt? A job in nursing may be for you!

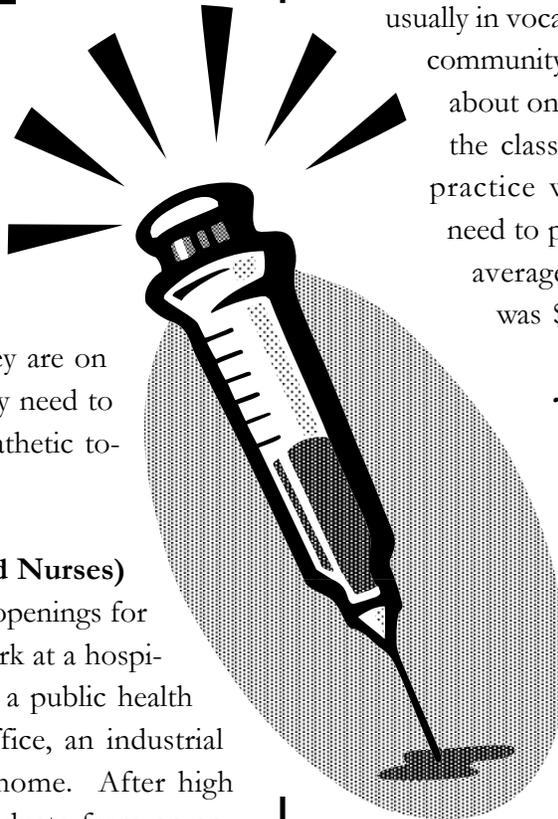
There are different jobs in nursing. The different jobs depend on your education. All nurses need to be in good health. They are on their feet a lot. They need to be caring and sympathetic toward sick people.

• **RN's (Registered Nurses)**

There are many job openings for RN's. You could work at a hospital, a nursing home, a public health office, a doctor's office, an industrial plant, or a private home. After high school you must graduate from an approved nursing program and pass an exam. It will take you from 2 to 5 years to get your license depending on the program you choose. For administrative nursing jobs you will need to complete a 4 to 5 year program. The average income for RN's in 2000 was \$44,840 a year.

• **LPN's (Licensed Practical Nurses)**

There are a lot of jobs for LPN's. They usually work in hospitals or nursing homes. Sometimes they work in a doctor's office or private home. After high school you must complete a state-



approved program. These programs are usually in vocational schools and community colleges. It takes about one year to complete the classroom and clinical practice work. Then you need to pass an exam. The average income in 2000 was \$29,440 a year.

• **Nursing Aide**

Nursing aides are always needed. They usually work in hospitals and nursing homes. They help the other nurses with the patients. Some-

times you can get a job without a high school diploma or experience. You can get training in some high schools, vocational schools, and community colleges. Sometimes you can get on-the-job training. The average income in 2000 was \$8.89 per hour.

MORE INFORMATION

Many registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and nursing aides are needed. Talk to someone at a local hospital or nursing home to get more information. You could also contact your local state employment office.

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