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Who are they?

They provide direct nursing care to patients, deliver health education programs and provide consultative services regarding issues relevant to the practice of nursing.

Where they work

hospitals nursing homes clinics rehabilitation centres
community agencies doctor's offices companies private homes
self-employed extended care facilities

Employment Requirements

Completion of a university, college or other approved registered nursing program is required.

Additional academic training or experience is required to specialize in a specific area of nursing.

A master's or doctoral degree in nursing is usually required for clinical nurse specialists, clinical nurses, nursing consultants and nursing researchers.

Registration with a regulatory body is required in all provinces and territories.



MAIN DUTIES

Assess patients to identify appropriate nursing intervention

Collaborate with members of an interdisciplinary health team to plan, implement, co-ordinate and evaluate patient care in consultation with patients and their families

Administer medications and treatments as prescribed by a physician or according to established policies and protocols

Monitor, assess, address, document and report symptoms and changes in patients' conditions

Operate or monitor medical apparatus or equipment

Assist in surgery and other medical procedures

May supervise license practical nurses and other nursing staff

May develop and implement discharge planning process on admission of patients

May teach and counsel patients and their families on health-related issues in collaboration with other health care providers.

Specialize

Registered Nurses can specialize in areas such as:

surgery

psychiatric care

community health

critical care

geriatrics

oncology

obstetrics care

occupational
health

rehabilitation

emergency care

pediatrics

What do they do?

Occupational Health Nurses

develop and implement employee health education programs and provide registered nursing care in private businesses and industry.

Community Health Nurses

provide health education and registered nursing care in public health units and through home visits, manage complex home care cases, participate in community needs assessment and program development, conduct disease screening and deliver immunization programs.

Psychiatric Nurses

provide nursing care, supportive counselling and life skills programming to patients in psychiatric hospitals, mental health clinics, long-term care facilities and community-based settings.

Nursing Consultants

provide consultative services to institutes, associations and health care organizations regarding issues and concerns relevant to the nursing profession and nursing practice.

Nursing Researchers

engaged in research activities related to nursing are self-employed or are employed by hospitals, public and private organizations and governments.

Clinical Nurses

provide leadership, advice and counsel on the provision of research-based care for specific patient groups within the care of particular health care organizations.



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