

## Health Science Cluster



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# Registered Nurses

TV programs portray registered nurses (RNs) as the backbone of a hospital. They pick up the slack where medical students are lost and often go beyond the call of duty to meet patient needs. RNs also work in home care and nursing home settings. Regardless of where they're employed, RNs play a critical role helping doctors take care of patients.

If you are interested in a career assisting doctors and caring for patients, a career as a **registered nurse** may be for you.

**Registered nurses provide patients with direct care and help doctors. They are also health educators who work with individuals and communities to prevent illness and improve people's health.**

### Are You Ready To...?

- Care for patients who might be confused, irrational or depressed
- Assist doctors during physical exams or surgery
- Educate patients and their families about health and recovery
- Make sure that patients get the right medicine
- Keep track of patient vital signs, such as blood pressure

### It Helps To Be...

Caring, sympathetic and able to take orders—and give them. Emotional strength and stability are also crucial to the job. You will experience human suffering and a great deal of stress, but others will rely on you for quick thinking and sound advice.

### A Day In The Life...

- Administer local, inhalation, intravenous or other anesthetics
- Administer medications to patients and monitor for reactions/side effects
- Conduct specified laboratory tests
- Hand items to surgeons during operations

### Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

**Median Hourly Wage: \$32.80**

*That comes out to more than  
\$68,229 a year.*

**In 2016, we had  
10,638 Registered Nurses.  
By 2026, we'll need 13,863.**

*Could you be one of the 3,225?*

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## After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, many employers look for registered nurses with a **bachelor's or associate's degree.**



## Top 5 Industries for Registered Nurses

1. General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
2. Offices of Physicians
3. Home Health Care Services
4. Elementary and Secondary Schools
5. Hospitals

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<http://www.wfscapitalarea.com/YouthServices/CareerPlanning.aspx>.

## Related Majors

- Biology
- Nursing (RN)
- Nutrition Sciences
- Pre-medicine
- Pre-nursing Studies
- Social Work

## Related Industry Certifications

- Electronic Fetal Monitoring
- Inpatient Obstetric Nurse
- Low-Risk Neonatal Nurse
- Advanced AIDS Certified Nurse
- Advanced Legal Nurse Consultant
- Advanced Practice Nurse in Genetics
- Board Certified Orthopedic Nurse
- Cardiac Medicine

## Related Careers

- Advanced-Practice Nurses
- Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics
- General Practitioners
- Licensed Practical Nurses
- Medical and Health Services Managers
- Medical and Public Health Social Workers

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