REGISTERED NURSE

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- Care for patients
- 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
- Create plans for keeping nursing home residents healthy
- Specialize in an area of medicine if you work in a large hospital or doctor's office
- Case management and other administrative roles

NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL WAGE INFORMATION			
	Entry Level Hourly Wage	2016 Employment	Projected 2026 Employment
Capital Area	\$26.50	10,638	13,863
Texas	\$26.13	210,775	261,607
United States	\$25.04	2,955,200	3,393,200

WHAT JOB TITLES SHOULD I SEARCH FOR?

Registered Nurse

WHERE COULD I WORK?

- Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Home Health Care Services
- Colleges, Universities, Professional Schools
- Specialty Hospitals
- Government
- Elementary & Secondary Schools

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED

WHAT TYPE OF EDUCATION AND OR TRAINING WILL I NEED?

Workers in occupations at this level can develop the skills needed for average job performance after completing an associate's or bachelor's degree. However, with industry standards changing, some hospitals will only hire Registered Nurses with bachelor's degrees.

WILL I NEED A SPECIAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION?

Many occupations prefer or require at least one certification for entry or advancement. The Texas Workforce Investment Council has indicated the following as Industry–Based Certifications for this occupation: Licensed Registered Nurse.

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REGISTERED NURSE

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* Also Included on Targeted Occupation List (PY 2021)

Nurse Practitioner

Hourly Wages

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• Entry Level: \$39.22

• Median Level: \$49.61

Master's Degree

Typical Education & Experience

236 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

Registered Nurse (RN)

Hourly Wages

• Entry Level: \$26.50

• Median Level: \$33.65

Typical Education & Experience

Associate's or Bachelor's Degree

Licensing/Registration Required

3,225 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

*Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)

Hourly Wages

• Entry Level: \$17.34

Median Level: \$22.66

Typical Education & Experience

Postsecondary non-degree award

Licensing required

527 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

*Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

Hourly Wages

• Entry Level: \$10.68

• Median Level: \$13.42

Typical Education & Experience

Postsecondary non-degree award

904 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

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