

## Registered Nurse & Licensed Practical Nurse

**Median hourly  
earnings: \$36.35**

**Median annual  
earnings: \$74,040**

### Occupation Description

Registered Nurses assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. They administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients, and may advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management. Licensing or registration is required.

### General Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required for Success on the Job

- Medicine and Dentistry
- Psychology
- Customer and Personal Service
- Critical Thinking
- Speaking

### Education and Training Needed

- Most Common Educational/Training Level: Associate's Degree
- In all states and the District of Columbia, students must graduate from an approved nursing program and pass a national licensing examination, known as the NCLEX-RN, in order to obtain a nursing license
- Related Instructional Programs:
  - Adult Health Nurse/Nursing
  - Clinical Nurse Specialist
  - Critical Care Nursing
  - Family Practice Nurse/Nurse Practitioner
  - Maternal/Child Health and Neonatal Nurse/Nursing
  - Nurse Anesthetist
  - Nurse Midwife/Nursing Midwifery
  - Nursing Science
  - Nursing, Other
  - Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing
  - Pediatric Nurse/Nursing
  - Operating Room and Surgical Nurse/Nursing
  - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse/Nursing
  - Public Health/Community Nurse/Nursing

### Training Providers

[University of the District of Columbia](#)

Department of Allied and Nursing Health  
4200 Connecticut Ave., NW  
Bldg. 44, Rm. 103  
Washington, DC 20008  
(202) 274-5940

**Associate of Applied Science in Nursing**

The Associate in Applied Science in Nursing (A.A.S.N.) program is approved by the District of Columbia Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The curriculum provides the knowledge and skills essential to licensure as registered nurses (upon successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)), and allows graduates to provide nursing care in a variety of settings. The Licensed Practical Nurse Accelerated Curriculum (L.P.N. to A.A.S.N.) helps practicing licensed practical nurses complete the associate degree in one academic year after completing pre-nursing requirements. The program lasts 42 weeks and costs approximately \$3,270. The government may pay for all or part of this training program. 72 hours credit hours are required for completion.

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[Northern Virginia Community College – Medical Education Campus](#)

6699 Springfield Center Drive  
Springfield, Virginia 22150-1913  
(703) 822-6500

**Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing**

NVCC's nursing program prepares students to give direct care to patients in a variety of health care facilities and agencies. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, students are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) and achieve state licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN). They are then qualified to assume registered nurse positions in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, physicians' offices, HMOs, and other community-based settings.

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[Montgomery College](#)

900 Hungerford Dr.  
Rockville, MD 20850  
(240) 567-5529

**Associate of Science in Nursing Degree**

The Montgomery College nursing curriculum covers two academic years, is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing, and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, the graduate is granted the A.S. in nursing and is eligible to take the state board examination for registered nurse licensure.

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[Prince George's Community College](#)

301 Largo Rd.  
Largo, Maryland 20774-2199

(301) 336-6000

The Nursing Program at Prince George's Community College prepares graduates to provide direct client care in a safe, effective manner across multiple settings. To achieve this goal, three educational options exist in the program: the registered nurse (RN), the licensed practical nurse (LPN), and upward mobility for LPN to RN.