

NURSE PRACTITIONER

Average Salary: \$159,930 | \$77 per hour

Employment | 2,940 are employed in Nevada,
including 2,630 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 123 are needed in Nevada to
meet national per capita rates



Overview

Nurse practitioners (NPs) are registered nurses who have completed advanced training and have a graduate degree in nursing. NPs are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). They are licensed to provide primary, acute, and specialty health care, and can prescribe treatments and medications.

Nurse practitioners have the knowledge and skills to work one-on-one with patients. In Nevada, it is common for NPs to practice independently as primary care providers, with a focus on health promotion, disease prevention, and patient education. They work in a variety of settings, including private clinics, hospitals, mental health centers, and nursing homes.

Nurse practitioners specialize in areas such as family practice, pediatrics, mental health, women's health, and geriatrics. Within these areas of primary care, they begin appointments by interviewing patients for their health history, performing a physical exam and discussing health concerns. When needed, NPs can prescribe medications, develop treatment plans, and order diagnostic tests such as x-rays. For more complex cases, they refer patients to physicians or specialists.

Overall, nurse practitioners treat a wide range of illnesses and conditions while also helping patients maintain wellness through education about healthy lifestyles.

At-a-Glance

- Nurse practitioners treat patients with a broad range of health issues
- Areas of specialization include family practice, geriatrics, neonatal, pediatrics, psychiatry, and women's health
- In Nevada, NPs have the authority to prescribe medications
- Must have a graduate degree in nursing and additional training for certification in specialty areas
- Need licensure from the Nevada State Board of Nursing
- Salary ranges from \$87,000 to \$170,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Roseman University of Health Sciences (Henderson)
 - Doctorate
- Touro University (Henderson)
 - Master's, Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Master's, Doctorate
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Master's, Doctorate