



REGISTERED NURSE

Average Salary: \$101,990 | \$49 per hour

Employment | 27,570 are employed in Nevada, including 25,270 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 4,865 are needed in Nevada to meet national per capita rates

Overview

Registered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and families about health conditions, and promote wellness. They work in a wide range of clinical settings including hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics, as well as in community settings such as local health departments, schools, and government agencies.

RNs develop nursing care plans, coordinate care with physicians and other health professionals, and supervise licensed practical nurses, aides, and assistants. They also play a key role in promoting safety, preventing health problems, and reducing the risk of infections.

In hospitals, RNs observe patients, carry out medical treatments, and use specialized equipment to monitor vital signs. They record observations and clinical data in patient charts, prepare patients for exams, and check vital signs. RNs perform physical exams, draw blood, and give injections. In office settings, they may also perform routine lab tests and handle administrative tasks.

In long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes, RNs manage residents' health care and supervise licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and nursing assistants. Home health and private duty nurses provide prescribed care to patients in their homes and teach patients and their families how to assist with care.

Public health and community RNs work to improve the overall health of communities. They provide health care and first aid, administer vaccines, and conduct health screenings such as blood pressure and cholesterol checks. Public health nurses develop health education programs on topics like nutrition and wellness.

At-a-Glance

- Registered nurses care for patients as part of a health care team
- Must have at least an associate's degree; bachelor's degrees are favored among employers
- Need a license from the Nevada State Board of Nursing
- Salary ranges from \$78,000 to \$133,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- Arizona College of Nursing (Las Vegas)
 - Bachelor's
- Carrington College (Reno)
 - Associate
- Chamberlain University (Las Vegas)
 - Bachelor's
- College of Southern Nevada (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- Grand Canyon University (Henderson)
 - Bachelor's
- Great Basin College (Elko)
 - Associate
- Las Vegas College
 - Associate, Bachelor's
- Nevada Career Institute (Las Vegas)
 - Associate
- Nevada State University (Henderson)
 - Bachelor's
- Roseman University of Health Sciences (Henderson)
 - Bachelor's
- Touro University (Henderson)
 - Bachelor's
- Truckee Meadows Community College (Reno)
 - Associate
- Unitek College (Reno)
 - Bachelor's
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 - Bachelor's, Master's
- University of Nevada, Reno
 - Bachelor's
- Western Nevada College (Carson City)
 - Associate