

Nurses care for patients in public or private hospitals, nursing homes, in the patients home or in companies that require nursing staff on hand in case of accidents.

There are many different starting points for nurses – you can train to be a division 2 nurse (that is with a TAFE certificate) or a division 1 nurse (that is with a University qualification).

Did you know: Many people who think of a nurse have a female picture in their head, however, there are many male nurses!

Some of the things you might do as a nurse include:

- provide care and support for patients
- make sure patients receive the treatment as determined by the doctor
- provide support and information to patients and their families
- monitor patients' response to treatment
- observe and adjust medical equipment
- prepare patients for operations or care for them after operations
- provide first aid and assist in routine medical examinations
- give advice on health matters and treatments
- supervise and train other nurses and hospital staff.

Other careers you might consider include:

Nurse Consultant

Give advice and coordinate complex health care needs usually in hospital settings or in companies.

Community Health Nurse

Provides care and support for individuals, families and groups, usually in their own homes or community settings.

Mental Health Nurse

Provides nursing care to patients with mental and emotional problems

Midwife

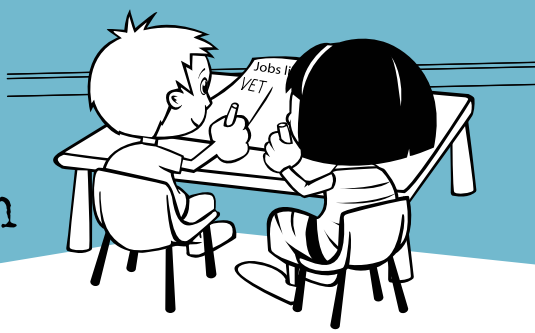
Provides care and advice to women during pregnancy

Nurse Educator

Provides training to other nursing and health staff.

Nurse Manager

Manages staff and health facilities within a hospital or health service.



You will be....

- good at communicating to a wide variety of people
- able to assume responsibility and a leadership role
- able to take the initiative in emergencies
- good at dealing with people from a wide range of backgrounds
- able to work as part of a team
- physically fit and healthy

Additional Information

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council: www.anmc.org.au

Australian Nursing Federation (National): www.anf.org.au

Australian Nursing Federation (Victoria): www.anfvic.asn.au