

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

Manage highly complex health care needs .

Community Health Nurse

Visits and provides care in private homes.

Mental Health Nurse

Cares for patients with mental problems .

Midwife

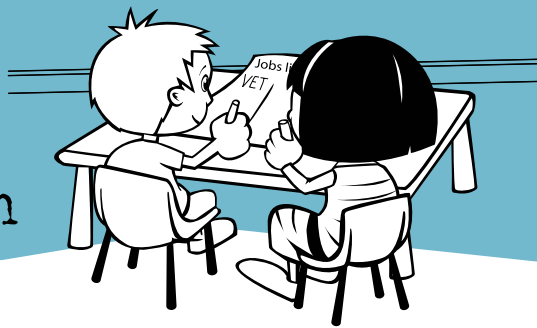
Provides care and advice to women during pregnancy.

Nurse Educator

Provides training to other nursing and health staff.

Nurse Manager

Manages staff and health facilities.



You will be....

- very good at communicating with 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
- mentally and physically fit

Find more information at:

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