

Nursing Opportunities in the UK

Following are the opportunities for nurses who wish to work in the NHS in the UK.

- **Registered Nurse**

A nurse who has been formally trained, has passed an exam, and is officially qualified to perform all nursing duties.

- **Registered ICU Nurse**

Intensive care unit nurses or critical care nurses provide care in general ICU's, and other specialized units. They provide care to people of all ages; however most provide care to either adults or children.

- **Registered Infection Control Nurse**

An infection control nurse specializes in prevention against the spread of infectious agents, such as viruses and bacteria. As an infection control nurse, you will have a hand in preventing dangerous outbreaks and epidemics.

- **Registered Pediatric Nurse**

These nurses take care of the medical care of neonates and children up to adolescence, usually in an in-patient hospital or day-clinic. The main role of pediatric nurses is to administer procedures directly and provide medicines to children according to prescribed nursing care plans.

- **Registered Oncology Nurse**

An oncology nurse is a registered nurse who cares for and educates patients suffering with cancer. Oncology nurses work in a multi-disciplinary team, in a variety of settings, from the inpatient ward, to the bone marrow transplant

unit, through to the community. They may also work with a variety of patients, including children and the elderly, from outpatients through to palliative care.

- **Registered Psychiatric Nurse**

Mental health nurses are responsible for planning, and providing support and medical nursing care to people who have a range of mental health issues.

- **Registered Neonatal Nurse**

Neonatal nurses care for newborn babies who are born premature or sick. A newborn baby can suffer from a range of conditions that require treatment.

- **Advanced Registered Nurse**

Advanced practice and four areas, or pillars, of practice. Health Education England (HEE) describes advanced clinical practice as delivered by experienced registered health practitioners with a high degree of autonomy and complex decision-making skills. It requires a master's or equivalent qualification that includes the following four pillars:

1. Clinical practice.
2. Leadership and management.
3. Education and research, and
4. A demonstration of core capabilities and specific clinical competence.

- **Nurse Researcher**

The role of a researcher nurse is complex, exciting, and interesting. Research nurses are at the forefront of new developments in treatment procedures for their patients. Day to day, the role of a research nurse may vary, as they hold numerous responsibilities. These can include:

1. Identifying and screening potential patients.
2. Making sure that patients have all the necessary information to allow them to make a fully informed decision if they would like to participate in a study.
3. Ensuring that patients provide fully-informed consent before they get enrolled in a study.
4. Supporting the Principal Investigator (PI) by coordinating in the day-to-day management of research studies.

- **Advanced Nurse Practitioner**

Advanced nurse practitioners are highly experienced and educated members of the care team who are able to diagnose and treat varied healthcare needs and may refer patients to an appropriate specialist, if required. They work independently, although as part of a health care team.

- **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist**

A nurse anesthetist is an advanced practice nurse who administers anesthesia for surgery and other medical procedures. Nurse Anesthetists are required to have 7 to 8 years of education, training, and experience before they become a CRNA. The average critical care experience prior to entering a master's or doctorate nurse anesthesia program is 3.5 years.

- **Registered Endocrinology Nurses**

Endocrinology nursing is a fast-developing specialty with nurses performing advanced roles, and expanding their practice to cover key roles in the future multidisciplinary Centers of Excellence like the PTCOE (Pituitary Tumor Centers of Excellence).

- **Registered Orthopedic Nurses**

Orthopedic nursing is focused on the prevention and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders. Orthopedic issues range from acute problems such as fractures, or hospitalization for joint replacement to chronic systemic disorders.

- **Nurse Commission Managers**

Nurse Managers are responsible for supervising teams of nurses and ensuring that health care delivery runs smoothly. Nurse Managers work in hospitals, ambulatory care centers, and long-term care facilities alongside frontline managers, clinical leaders, and physicians. An important component of a nurse manager's role is working with stakeholders to determine overall strategy and goals within their team and various departments.