

Enrolled nurse

Average salary: \$60,000+

Career trend: growing very strongly

Job description

Enrolled nurses practise under the direction and delegation of a registered nurse or nurse practitioner to deliver nursing care and health education. Working as part of a team of skilled professionals, enrolled nurses assist in the provision of clinical care and emotional support for patients across a range of clinical and community environments. In this rewarding role, you'll meet people from different walks of life as you support them through their most vulnerable moments.

What nurses do

Nurses are an indispensable part of the healthcare system. They're responsible for administering medical care to patients across the life span in community, residential or hospital settings.

The EN provides physical and emotional care through to more complex duties such as assessment, planning, medication administration, implementation and evaluation of nursing care in collaboration with the multidisciplinary health care team. There is also the option of working in education, research or management.

Nurses perform their duties in a range of different clinical specialities including medical, surgical, mental health, paediatrics, geriatrics, hospice/palliative care, critical care, orthopaedics, rehabilitation, oncology, operating theatres, rural and remote, emergency and maternity. They work in hospitals, clinics, schools, aged care, home care, prisons, travel clinics, the armed forces, and government agencies.

You'll like this job if...

You work well as part of a team. You can communicate with a wide range of people. You're compassionate, attentive and proactive. You're organised. You can deal with conflict while remaining calm. You're service oriented. You're sensitive and cooperative. You're an active listener. You're socially aware and understand diversity.



Will I get a job?

- Very strong growth in this occupation is predicted, with 65,300 new jobs in Australia in the next four years, bringing the total to 304,100.

What will I earn?

- \$1,351 to \$1,650 median full-time weekly salary (before tax, excluding super).

Roles to look for

- Enrolled nurse
- Enrolled nurse (aged care)
- Enrolled nurse (child and family)
- Enrolled nurse (community health)
- Enrolled nurse (critical care)
- Enrolled nurse (disability and rehabilitation)
- Medical practice nurse
- Mental health nurse
- Operating theatre nurse

A day in the life...

Work as an Enrolled nurse may involve these tasks:

- listen to patients and analyse their physical and emotional needs
- draw up plans for a patient's treatment as part of the nursing team
- answer questions and provide advice to patients and families about treatment and care
- administer medication
- apply dressings and treatment to wounds
- administer drugs through a drip
- monitor the patient by taking their blood pressure and other readings
- provide personal services, such as helping patients bathe or dress
- inform registered nurses and doctors about patients' progress
- coordinate care with other specialists
- work with culturally diverse patients and health care teams
- respond quickly, efficiently and work as part of a team
- stay up to date with advances in healthcare, medication and treatment plans.

VET qualifications

The following government-subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

Diploma of Nursing (HLT54115)

- Up to 2 years full-time
- Graduates employed or in further study: 91.5%*

Advanced Diploma of Nursing (HLT64115)

- Up to 2 years full-time
- Graduates employed or in further study: 91.5%*

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Main employing industries

- Healthcare and social assistance
- Government and councils

Other jobs you may like...

- Registered nurse
- Midwife
- Nurse manager
- Ambulance officer and paramedic
- Mother craft nurse
- Nursing support and care worker
- Welfare support worker

Information sources Income: Australian Government Department of Employment, Australian Jobs Report 2017, Occupation Matrix. ANZSCO ID: 2211. Earnings can vary greatly depending on the skills and experience of the worker, and the demands of the role.

Job prospects: Australian Government Department of Employment 2017 employment projections to May 2022. Graduate outcomes: National Centre for Vocational Education Research. *Approximately 6 months after they completed VET.

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