

NURSING SERVICES

REGISTERED NURSE
NURSE PRACTITIONER
CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS
LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

Nursing is one profession made up of three regulated nursing groups: Registered Nurses, including Clinical Nurse Specialists, Nurse Practitioners, and Licensed Practical Nurses. Nurses comprise the largest health care provider group in Canada. In Nova Scotia, nurses work as an integral part of the health care team.

registered nurse

Registered Nurses provide professional services to patients to maintain and restore health, and assist in the management of illness or injury. Registered Nurses work in many type of roles in a variety settings, including direct care provider, educator, consultant, administrator, researcher, and manager. Registered nurses work in many settings including hospitals, clinics, long term care facilities, and the community. They may specialize in areas such as the operating room, mental health emergency room, critical care, pediatrics, and public health. Registered nurses may work as managers and administrators in direct care settings or in other roles in the health care system. RNs can work as educators and researchers as well.

Salary:

In accordance with Nova Scotia Nurses Union (NSNU) and Nova Scotia Government Employee's Union (NSGEU).

Academic requirements:

- Completion of High School with the requisite academic courses (check each university).
- Completion of a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BScN).

Registration and Licensure Requirements:

- Upon successful completion of a BScN program, an individual must successfully pass the registration examination.
- To work as a Registered Nurse in Nova Scotia, an individual must meet the licensure set by the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia.



nurse practitioner

Nurse practitioners are registered nurses who hold a masters or a doctoral degree in nursing. Nurse practitioners have advanced knowledge and skills that expands their scope of practice beyond that of a registered nurse. NPs work in community clinics, long term care and hospital settings. They provide a broad range of health services including physical examinations, management of acute and chronic illness, ordering and interpreting lab and other diagnostic tests, prescribing medications and performing procedures. NPs also work as educators and researchers.

Salary:

In accordance with Nova Scotia Nurses Union (NSNU) and Nova Scotia Government Employee's Union (NSGEU).

Academic requirements:

- An individual interested in becoming a Nurse Practitioner must complete a Masters in Nursing.

Licensure Requirements:

- Currently licenced as a Registered Nurse
- Upon completion of educational requirements, one must write the NP licensure exam.
- In order to work as a Nurse Practitioner in Nova Scotia, one must meet the licensure requirement established by the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia.

clinical nurse specialists

Clinical nurse specialists are registered nurses who hold a master's or a doctoral degree in nursing and have advanced nursing knowledge and skills, advanced judgment and clinical experience within a focused area of care, such as oncology, women's health, pediatrics or mental health. Clinical nurse specialists work in direct patient care as well as in policy development, administrative roles, education and research.

Salary:

In accordance with Nova Scotia Nurses Union (NSNU) and Nova Scotia Government Employee's Union (NSGEU).

Academic requirements:

- Completion of either a Masters in Nursing or a PhD in Nursing.
- Acceptance into a Masters in Nursing requires one to have a Bachelors of Nursing with a GPA of 3.0 and the following undergraduate courses: research, statistics, family nursing, and community nursing.
- Acceptance into a PhD in Nursing requires one to have a Masters in Nursing with a GPA of 3.3.

Educational institute(s) in Nova Scotia offering a Master's in Nursing Program:

- Dalhousie University

licensed practical nurse

Working as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) involves taking care of patients in many different and diverse settings. Through collaboratively working with doctors, nurses and aides, an LPN administers care to patients. The care that a LPN provides includes monitoring patients, keeping medical records, administering medication, and assisting doctors and nurses.

Salary:

In accordance with Nova Scotia Nurses Union (NSNU) and Nova Scotia Government Employee's Union (NSGEU).

Academic requirements:

- Requires a High School education or equivalent including: Grade 12 Academic English and Mathematics; and 2 additional Grade 12 Academic Sciences (Chemistry, Physics or Biology).
- Completion of a two year program in Practical Nursing.
- Upon completion of a two year program, individuals will be required to write the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination.
- To work as a LPN in Nova Scotia an individual must obtain licensure through the College of Licensed Practical Nurses.

Educational institute(s) in Nova Scotia offering a program:

- Nova Scotia Community College

