

# Career of the Week : NURSING

**Top Related Jobs:**  
 Dental Nurse, Midwife,  
 Doctor, RAF Nurse

## Overview

Adult nurses work in the health sector and are trained to look after patients aged from 18 years old and upwards. They take responsibility for the general welfare and condition of their patients, and are also responsible for providing advice and support to a patient.

## What would I do?

- Checking a patient's medical history and preparing a care plan
- Checking a patient's blood pressure and temperature
- Observing and recording changes in a patient's condition
- Giving medication and changing dressings
- Assisting surgeons and other healthcare professionals by preparing and passing instruments in an operating theatre
- Running clinics for people with conditions such as asthma and diabetes
- Caring for patients in their homes



To do this kind of degree you will usually need at least five GCSEs at grades A to C (9-4 in the new system), including English, maths and a science, and two or three A-levels including at least one science or health-related subject. (Please check each university for their specific course entry requirements)

| Key Skills Required:  |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Decision Making       | Initiative    |
| Interpersonal         | Managing Risk |
| Motivating People     | Prioritising  |
| Communication         | Leadership    |
| Written Communication | Teamwork      |

UK Average Salary

## £28,746

Source: NHS AFC Banding 2018

Starting Salary

## £22,128

Source: NHS AFC Banding 2018

## Top Tips!

As well as achieving the relevant qualifications, there are other things you can do to improve your chances of success when applying for this position.

- Try to get a relevant work experience placement
- Show a willingness to learn by volunteering
- Do your own research into jobs similar to nursing

**Routes in...**  
 You are likely to need at least TWO (usually THREE) A Levels plus a Nursing Degree at various universities