



# Explore a Career as a **REGISTERED NURSE**

## What do Registered Nurses do?

Registered Nurses (RNs) use a large base of knowledge to assess, plan and intervene to promote health, prevent disease and help patients cope with illness. RNs are employed in a wide variety of professional settings, often specializing in their field of practice. When providing direct patient care, nurses observe, assess and record symptoms, reactions and progress which provides the basis for care planning and intervention. They are health educators and advocates for patients, families and communities.

Registered nurses' duties and titles often depend on where they work and the patients they work with. For example, an oncology nurse may work with cancer patients or a geriatric nurse may work with elderly patients. Some RNs combine one or more areas of practice.

## Training & Educational Opportunities

You will have plenty of employment options as a registered nurse, but first you will need to earn at least an associate degree. An associate degree in nursing (ADN) includes courses in anatomy, nutrition, chemistry and microbiology among others. Many nurses also earn a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing (BSN). State licensure as a Registered Nurse is through the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

## As a Registered Nurse you will:

- Administer medications
- Care for the needs of your patients
- Communicate as part of a team
- Conduct research in support of improved patient outcomes
- Direct and supervise care delivered by other healthcare personnel
- Maintain patient charts and file paperwork
- Perform physical exams and health histories
- Provide health counseling and education

## Registered Nurses are in demand in Livingston County!

Livingston County employment of registered nurses is expected to increase through 2032. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics recognizes the job outlook for this career as growing faster than average.

# Registered Nurse

## Training Providers

The following certified training provider offers programs and certifications to train for a career as a registered nurse:

- Heartland Community College
- Illinois Central College
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Valley Community College
- Joliet Junior College
- Kankakee Community College
- Parkland College
- University of St. Francis

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



## Types of Employers

There are many types of employers looking to hire registered nurses in Livingston County, including:

- Doctor offices
- Government agencies
- Home healthcare services
- Hospitals
- Nursing care facilities
- Outpatient clinics

## Wages & Openings

### Registered Nurse Employment Data for Livingston County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$27.85
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$41.04
Average Annual Job Openings Livingston County	174
Annual Job Openings Bloomington Peoria Region	412



## Opportunities

After you receive your degree as a registered nurse, you will have many opportunities for additional certifications and advancement. Some opportunities include:

- Chief Nursing Officer
- Clinical Nurse Manager
- Critical Care Nurse
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Patient Educator



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