

Nursing provides a genuine opportunity to provide help to people who need it. By being a nurse you interact with people and help with their health care needs. Sometimes this involves preventive care such as health screening programs, prenatal care or inoculations. Other times you will be directly involved in saving lives either in the ER or on the hospital floor. At other times you will be providing education to patients on proper ongoing treatment, medication regimen, exercise therapy or other needs.

You may be involved in the transfer of a patient from long term care to Hospice care, which also includes the family, primary care provider and all other support personnel associated with the patient. Sometimes you will be needed to provide bereavement care and counseling to patients' families just experiencing a loss. You can truly affect a patient's life in a very positive and caring fashion; you just need to be open to the opportunities presented.

A second and very strong aspect of nursing is the constant availability of jobs throughout the country and internationally. There are thousands of nursing jobs opening up annually with a very limited number of school graduates filling the spots. Current nurses are exiting the profession either through retirement or job changes which opens up even more job opportunity. Nursing jobs are good and they provide good benefits and a strong income potential. In many areas, you can pick up additional shifts to make extra money for a new car, home addition, and college education or just to make some extra spending money.

If you are a nurse with a family you can choose to cut down your hours to spend more time with your family yet still retain your nursing license and skills. Many nurses choose to work for a travel nurse agency to take advantage of the thousands of job openings through the country and overseas as well as on cruise ships. You can choose assignments based upon your schedule, time frame and level of expertise. And, you can choose where you want to work, which is very exciting. Imagine a warm climate in the winter.

The third reason for choosing nursing as a career is the constant change. There are new patients every day that require different care. Each patient encounter provides a new opportunity to learn and grow professionally and personally. Treating a patient can lead to other opportunities in specialty areas: Surgery, intensive care, emergency department or becoming a clinic nurse in a medical office setting.

Should your choice in a specific area become boring you can simply change directions and head off into a new, uncharted area for you to grow. The ceiling is virtually limitless with the opportunities provided to Registered Nurses. You can pursue an advanced degree and become a PA or Nurse Practitioner and set up your own practice if you want to as well.

As you see, nursing offers several very strong reasons to join the team and become a nurse!