

Ventura College Nursing Program

TYPES OF NURSES

- Psych nurses
- Registered nurses
- Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) or Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

TYPES OF REGISTERED NURSES

RNs may specialize by work setting or by type of care provided:

1. Ambulatory care nurses
2. Critical care nurses
3. Emergency or trauma nurses
4. Flight nurses
5. Holistic nurses
6. Home health care nurses
7. Hospice and palliative care nurses
8. Infusion nurses
9. Long-term care nurses
10. Medical-Surgical nurses
11. Occupational health nurses
12. Paranesthesia nurses
13. Perioperative nurses
14. Psychiatric nurses
15. Radiologic nurses

RNs specializing in treatment of particular organ or body system

1. Cardiac and vascular nurses
2. Dermatology nurses
3. Gastroenterology nurses
4. Gynecology nurses
5. Nephrology nurses
6. Neuroscience nurses
7. Ophthalmic nurses
8. Orthopedic nurses
9. Otorhinolaryngology nurses
10. Respiratory nurses
11. Urology nurses

RN's may specialize by providing preventative and acute care in all health care settings to various segments of the population including newborns (neonatology), children and adolescents (pediatrics), adults and elderly (gerontology or geriatrics). RN's also may provide basic health care to patients outside of health care settings in such venues including correctional facilities, schools, summer camps, and the military. Some RN's travel around the United States and abroad providing care to patients in area with shortages of medical professionals.

➤ Some RNs choose to become advanced practice nurses, who often are considered primary health care practitioners and work independently or in collaboration with physicians.

1. Clinical nurse specialists
2. Nurse anesthetists
3. Nurse midwives
4. Nurse practitioners
5. Forensic nurses
6. Infection Control nurses
7. Legal nurse consultants
8. Nurse administrators
9. Nurse educators
10. Nurse informaticists

RNs also may work as health care consultants, public policy advisors, pharmaceutical and medical supply researchers and salespersons, and medical writers and editors.