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Nursing

Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) typically work in home care and long-term care settings. They assist with the patient's daily activities such as bathing, dressing, eating and ambulating. **Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (LPNs/LVNs)** provide basic patient care. They monitor patient health, check blood pressure, insert catheters, start IV's and change bandages. They help patients dress or bathe, and report patients' status or concerns to registered nurses. **Registered Nurses (RN)** Provide and coordinate patient care, educate, and provide advice and emotional support. They assess patient condition, administer medication, write or help with a patient's care plan, collaborate with the doctor, operate and monitor medical equipment, perform tests and analyze results. **Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)** Focus on directing a plan of care. Perform everything an RN does but also diagnoses, treats and prescribes medication.



"The most rewarding part is is making a difference. Nurses directly impact the lives of patients everyday." -Deborah C. Stamos

Average Annual Pay: CNA: \$35,740, LPN/LVN: \$54,620 RN: \$81,220 APRN: \$125,900

How Do I Become Nurse

PROJECTED JOB	CNA typic
MARKET GROWTH:	• LPN
CNA: 4% RN: 6%	• RN's
LPN: 6% APRN: 38%	Nurs

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- There are many different avenues a student can pursue to become a nurse.
- **CNA** needs a High School diploma/GED and completion of a state approved CNA program typically 3-8 weeks. Often need a state issued license or certification.
- LPN's need a state-approved Practical Nursing program which typically takes 1 year and must pass exam to be licensed.
- **RN's** can choose one of 2 pathways in NYS a bachelor's degree in nursing or an associate degree in nursing and then complete bachelor's within 10 years. Other states may offer a Nursing diploma program. Registered nurses must be licensed.
- **APRN** must earn at least a master's degree in one of the APRN roles. They must also be licensed in their state and pass a national certification exam.

What Does a Nurse Do?

Coordinate patient care and may provide primary and specialty healthcare.

- Registered nurses work in hospitals, physicians' offices, home healthcare services, and nursing care facilities.
- Nursing assistants provide basic care and help patients with activities of daily living.

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- Develop and manage nursing care plans and instruct patients and their families in proper care.
- Advocate for their patients and patients' families.

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A Professional Account

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What is the most rewarding part of your job?

"Making a Difference. Nurses directly impact the lives of patients every day. Their care, support, and dedication can often make a significant difference in patients' outcomes and overall experiences. My most significant contribution is the facilitation of health equity and diversity in nursing. I created my professional academic workforce (PAW) model to advance educational and economic mobility of underrepresented minorities in nursing, leading to replication in Ohio. This outcome was achieved through my ability to establish partnerships between healthcare, community, and academic organizations. As an executive nurse leader and Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Officer, I initiated and led collaborations with community leaders in one of the nation's poorest metro cities (4th of 75) to develop and implement the PAW model."

What is the most challenging?

"Transitioning to Practice. The first year as a new nurse can be overwhelming. The real-world setting can be very different from clinical rotations, and new nurses often face a steep learning curve. Another challenge is, advancing health equity for underserved communities, establishing a diverse nursing workforce, and creating DEIB awareness. There are benefits to a more diverse nursing workforce, the impact on the social determinants of health leading to health equity and the elimination of healthcare disparities."

What do you wish you knew back in school that you know now?

"I have learned over the years the importance of taking advantage of opportunities. It does open doors and can make an impact in many ways. When someone asks you to be on a committee, participate in a volunteer opportunity, recruits you to a new job - do it. Many times individuals see things in us we don't see in ourselves and always remember to pull someone up as you advance your career. Seek a mentor and be a mentor."

Anything else you want to share?

"Medicine and healthcare practices evolve. Nurses need to keep up with continuing education and sometimes re-certification, which requires time and effort.

I have been selected to be a 2023 Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. In September 2023 I received the Driscoll Award from the Center for Nursing in New York, Inc. In November 2022, Dr. I was profiled are selected on the basis of current reference value. Factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in a field are considered during selection. In 2021, I was named among 50 of the nation's most influential diversity leaders, receiving the prestigious Leadership Excellence Award at the 2021 National Diversity and Leadership Conference. As a speaker and trainer, I use my expertise and influence to deliver engaging training to teams and individuals.

I am the co-lead for the NYS Action Coalition and chairs the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee. I am a member of the AARP's Historically Black College and University's Learning Collaborative for Diversifying the Nursing Workforce. A life member of the National Council of Negro Women, the National Black Nurses Association, and Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. I have published in peer-reviewed journals on the innovative, collaborative nurse leadership model, the Chief Nursing Officer Council and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, workforce development and academic clinical practice partnerships. I earned an associate degree in nursing from Monroe Community College, bachelor's degree in nursing from SUNY College at Brockport, master's degree in the Gerontological Nursing Practitioner program at Nazareth College, a master's degree in business administration from Rochester Institute of Technology, and an education doctorate in executive leadership from St. John Fisher College. I am nationally certified as a Nurse Executive by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and recently achieved the credentials of Certified Diversity Executive (CDE®) through the Institute for Diversity System at the Society for Diversity. The Stamps became an independent certified coach, teacher, and speaker with the John Maxwell Team."





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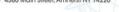
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