

Pursuing a Nursing Career

One Calling, Many Benefits

From bedside nursing in hospitals and long-term care facilities to the halls of research institutions, state legislatures and Congress, the nursing profession today is meeting the expanding health care needs of society.



"It's not always about saving someone's life, it's about the little things that every nurse does every day that makes a big difference for our patients."

Deb, RN
Professional Development Educator
Holland Hospital

Why become a nurse?

There are many compelling reasons people choose to pursue a career in nursing:

Rewarding calling. Having the altruistic motivation to make a difference in people's lives not only nurtures the health and wellbeing of patients, but also leads to self-satisfaction and self-actualization. While nursing is a challenging career, it's also a highly rewarding calling.

Job security. Fueled by an aging and growing population, as well as workforce shortages, nursing is one of the nation's fastest growing occupations. Travel opportunities and easy relocation make nursing an attractive career choice.

Solid earning potential. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the median salary for a registered nurse is \$67,930. Along with a solid base salary, annual wages can also be supplemented with overtime and on-call pay, picking up extra shifts, teaching opportunities, and more.

Limitless niches. Nurses have a wealth of avenues to consider pursuing, such as inpatient hospital care, outpatient home health care, rehabilitation, research, trauma services, surgery, and flight and travel nursing.

Career advancement. The nursing profession provides the mobility of upward advancement. Nurses with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) can work toward a broad range of additional degrees, including several Masters level career paths with advanced responsibilities.

Flexibility. Nursing is an accommodating career, satisfying the scheduling needs of many, especially those who prefer nights or mornings, and individuals raising families and/or returning to school.

On PACE for Excellence

Holland Hospital is proud to feature a Professional Advancement for Clinical Excellence (PACE) program for eligible RNs who provide exemplary acute or ambulatory patient care.

The goal of PACE is:

- To recognize**, promote and financially reward excellence in nursing
- To improve** patient care quality
- To enhance** nursing recruitment and retention



▶ *Advanced PACE Award winner, Jeremy, in surgery.*

Holland Hospital is a 189-bed private, non-profit hospital serving the West Michigan lakeshore for 100 years with a commitment to continually improve the health of the communities we serve in the spirit of hope, compassion, respect and dignity.

Award-Winning Hospital in West Michigan



Winning awards is not our goal. The consistent recognition we receive validates our long-standing commitment to the highest quality care. And in a highly competitive and changing region, being named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals by Healthgrades is a tremendous achievement.

Our strong focus on quality isn't a new thing. For several consecutive years, we've been honored with Truven Health Analytics Top 100 Hospitals award, putting us in a select group of multiple year honorees.

Superior service is only possible with a superior workforce. We're proud to be perennial winners of National and West Michigan Best and Brightest Places to Work Awards.

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