

M2.5a.: Nurse

1. Entry requirements

You'll need:

- a degree in nursing
- to pass a medical check
- a clear criminal record
- to be registered as a nurse

You may get funding from the National Health Service (NHS)¹ to pay for your course fees and help with your living expenses.

2. Skills required

You'll need:

- excellent organisational and time management skills
- excellent listening and communication skills

3. What you'll do

You'll work in hospitals, nursing homes, health centres, clinics or prisons. In an NHS hospital you could work in accident and emergency, cardiac rehabilitation, outpatients, neonatal nursing or an operating theatre.

Your day-to-day duties could include:

- taking temperatures, blood pressures and pulse rates
- helping doctors with physical examinations
- giving drugs and injections
- cleaning and dressing wounds
- using medical equipment
- checking patients' progress
- working with doctors to decide what care to give
- advising patients and their relatives
- handling confidential information

4. Salary

Starter: £22,000 to £28,500

Experienced: £26,250 to £41,000

Highly experienced: £40,000 and over (consultant nurses)

These figures are a guide.

¹ bitte direkt verlinken mit: <https://www.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx>

5. Working hours, patterns and environment

You'll usually work 37.5 hours a week including evenings, weekends, night shifts and bank holidays.

The job can be physically demanding.

Most jobs are in the NHS. You could work in hospital wards, nursing homes, hospices, schools, colleges, private hospitals and in the community, visiting patients at home.

6. Career path and progression

With experience, you could become a ward manager or team leader.

You could train as a midwife, health visitor, or practice nurse. You could also move into management.

With a master's, you could become a clinical nurse specialist then a nurse consultant.

You could also become self-employed or work overseas.

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<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/nurse>
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what is needed
excellent organisational skills
time management skills
excellent listening and communication skills
where I will work
in hospitals
in nursing homes
in health centres
what I will do
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what is needed

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...organisational skills

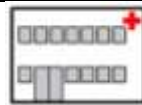
...time management skills

...listening and communication skills

where I will work

I will work...

in a hospital



in a nursing home



what I will do

I will...

take temperatures and blood pressures



help doctors



give drugs, medicines and injections



clean wounds



set drips and blood transfusions



talk to patients and families

