

REGISTERED NURSES

NATURE OF THE WORK

Registered Nurses provide professional services to patients to promote, maintain, and restore health and assist in the management of illness, injury or infirmity. The provision of nursing services involves a variety of roles for nurses, include direct care provider, health teacher, consultant, and administrator. Registered nurses may specialize in nursing practice areas such as the operating room, obstetrics, mental health, palliative care, emergency or critical care, pediatrics, geriatrics, community and occupational health, rehabilitation or oncology.

Registered nurses in management positions coordinate the activities of other registered nurses and nursing support personnel to facilitate the provision of safe, effective, competent patient care. They ensure that administrative procedures are followed, develop policies, develop and administer budgets and assist in the hiring and performance review of nursing personnel.

HIGH SCHOOL PREREQUISITES

- Students will have completed a minimum of five university preparatory grade XII level courses with an overall average of 60 percent or higher and no individual grade below 60 percent.
- Grade XII academic English with a grade level of 65 percent or higher and grade XI academic mathematics are required together with at least two grade XII courses from the following: biology, chemistry, global geography, global history, mathematics, modern languages and physics.
- The remaining two grade XII subjects may be taken from the above or from other university preparatory subjects approved by the provincial department of education and acceptable to the University/College where the program of study is offered. Those courses include: accounting, computer-related studies, economics, geography, geology, law, modern world problems, home economics (human ecology), music, political science and sociology.

REQUIREMENTS

Registered nurses must complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and receive a pass mark on the licensing exam. Registered nurses must also be licensed with the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia before they can practice.

Additional educational preparation or degrees are required for positions in management, teaching, research or advanced nursing practice.

THE PROGRAM IS OFFERED

The following Nova Scotia University's offer a four-year Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Science in Nursing program:

- Dalhousie University
- St. Francis Xavier University
- University College of Cape Breton

The following New Brunswick University's offer a four-year Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Science in Nursing program:

- Universite de Moncton
- University of New Brunswick

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EARNING POTENTIAL

Registered Nurse Salary Scales - 2008
\$51,252- \$59,896

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