



#### Job Situation

Geriatrics clinic. Examination rooms.  
Office, computer, phone and fax.  
Teamwork and close co-operation.  
Sometimes hectic, stressful. Reporting to clinic Directors. Flexible hours.

#### Weekly Hours of Work

40

#### Overtime

As required

#### Monthly Salary

\$5,050

#### Student Loan – Owing

#### Student Loan – Monthly Payment

\$290

#### Duties

Plan and implement healthcare programs.  
Treat patients. Refer to specialists.  
Consult with other health professionals.  
Consult with clients. Train and supervise staff. Administer budget. Report to management.

#### Prospects

Management. Policy making. Education.  
Consulting.

#### Job Title

Nurse Practitioner

#### National Occupational Classification (NOC)

3152

#### Job Description

Nurse Practitioner is a relatively new occupational role in healthcare. A registered nurse with additional training and experience, the nurse practitioner is qualified for an enhanced leadership role, with more decision making powers. This does not displace the doctors, but frees their time up to be more effective in the areas that demand their training and expertise. This also allows the system to offer more services in small clinics and so take some strain off the hospitals.

This is an exciting position for you, as the geriatrics section began with your arrival. You have been very busy putting together the Geriatric Consultation Team. You have found the doctors and specialists who either practice in gerontology, are particularly good with elderly patients, or employ nurses who are. You have approached them and enlisted them as associates of the clinic and spent much time in meetings with them to create a workable plan of referral and access to their services. Together you have decided how to run the clinic to the very best advantage of your clients.

You and two registered nurses run the clinic, doing regular checkups, managing treatment plans prescribed by doctors, treating common illnesses and monitoring chronic ones like diabetes and high blood pressure. You are qualified to order tests and refer patients to specialists. You can arrange home visits or regular home nursing if it is warranted. In a serious case you call on the consultation team to advise you, and if necessary, to treat the client in the clinic or in hospital.

A great deal of your work nowadays is administrative, but you still have time for your patients and they are the best part of your day. You have a strong bond with the nurses and assistants that you work with and you know that providing a model example of good nursing is the best way to instill it in your team. Your old friend is getting frail now, but she's in good hands.