



Job Situation

Working on a ward floor on your feet all day with a lot of lifting and computer input. Documentation is a large part of your job as are all the meds you must administer.

Weekly Hours of Work

40

Overtime

As required

Monthly Salary

\$6,200

Student Loan – Owing

\$16,000

Student Loan – Monthly Payment

\$280

Duties

Preparing patient care plans. Preparing patients for operations. Administering drugs and injections. Maintaining patient records. Responding quickly to emergencies.

Prospects

Private duty nursing. Clinics. Head Nurse. Nurse Practitioner.

Job Title

Registered Nurse

National Occupational Classification (NOC)

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Job Description

Being on your feet all day is not a problem, you have a great pair of tennis shoes. Your day is never quite the same. Working at the hospital your day can never be boring. Health care is required by everyone of all ages at anytime of the day. The hospital never stops and sometimes neither do you. Your day always begins with punching in and a coffee.

Your rounds are at the beginning of your shift. Each patient needs something different and you have to be there to give it. Consulting his chart your first patient is in need of a dressing change. You remove the old bandage and clean the wound thoroughly then put on a new one. You chat about how he is feeling and make sure that he is not showing any new symptoms. Before leaving you assure him that he is looking much better.

On to your next patient who needs their IV started. Having a lot of practice at this you are done quickly. It may be a quick procedure but you never falter in making sure that your patient is comfortable. You can have up to fifteen different patients to take care of, so moving quickly is necessary. This fast paced environment means that you need to make quick decisions and you are really good at it. The doctor is always complimenting you on your ability to persist throughout the day. Making time for your patients is your number one concern.

You have to be flexible and extremely organized making sure patients are prepped for surgery or for meals and that they are getting their medication. When you are not with your patients you are consulting with the doctor and pouring over paper work. You carry out the doctor's orders and make sure that it's down in writing. It is a busy day that is very satisfying.