According to the Bureau of Labor Statics, employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 15 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Demand for healthcare services will increase because of the aging population, given that older people typically have more medical problems than younger people. Nurses also will be needed to educate and care for patients with various chronic conditions, such as arthritis, dementia, diabetes, and obesity. Job growth is expected in facilities that provide long-term rehabilitation for stroke and head injury patients, and in facilities that treat people with Alzheimer’s disease. In addition, because many older people prefer to be treated at home or in residential care facilities, registered nurses will be in demand in those settings.

Growth is also expected to be faster than average in outpatient care centers, where patients do not stay overnight, such as those which provide same-day chemotherapy, rehabilitation, and surgery. In addition, an increased number of procedures, as well as more sophisticated procedures previously done only in hospitals, are being performed in ambulatory care settings and physicians’ offices.

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**Occupational Outlook Handbook**

**RELATED CAREER TITLES**

The career paths listed below are only a sample of the opportunities one may consider. They have been taken from the Bureau of Labor’s **Occupational Outlook Handbook** and the O*Net Online. Some career paths may require additional education and training. To gain more understanding of the different career paths, take a look at **Candid Career**, where you can watch testimonials of people doing exactly what you might want to pursue.

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**JOB SEARCH ENGINE**

- [Liquid Compass](#)
- [Nurse.com](#)
- [Nurse Recruiter](#)
- [Nursing Jobs](#)
- [Nursing Job Cafe](#)
- [Nursing Network](#)

**RESEARCH RESOURCES**

- [The Balance Careers](#)
- [The Inspiration Nurse](#)
- [Nurse Journal](#)
- [Nurse Recruiter](#)
- [Nurse.org](#)

**SALARY INFORMATION**

- [Pay Scale](#)
- [All Nursing Schools](#)
- [Nurse Salary Guide](#)
WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

Join a professional society or association related to your area of interest.

Read and understand how to get nursing licensure in the state of Connecticut.

Volunteer for WCSU’s Vita Program

Volunteer for Junior Achievement in your community

ASSOCIATIONS

Associations are a great way for college students, recent graduates, and career changers to enhance personal and professional development, opportunities to build credibility and many networking avenues that cannot be found anywhere else. Associations also offer drastically reduced membership rates for current students so NOW is the time to join.

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
Academy of Neonatal Nursing
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Academy of Nursing
American Association of Heart Failure Nurses
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American College of Nurse Midwives
Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nursing
Emergency Nurses Association
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses
International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care
Michigan League for Nursing (MLN)
Midwest Nursing Research Society
National Academy of Dermatology Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration in Long Term Care
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Certification Board of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Nurses
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation
Oncology Nursing Society
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates (SUNA)
Society of Pediatric Nurses