

# Registered Nurse

## PANHANDLE

*Average Wage*  
\$24.19

*Average Annual  
Job Openings*  
140

<i>Employment in</i>	
<i>2004</i>	<i>2014</i>
2,850	3,650

## TEXAS

*Average Wage*  
\$27.49

*Average Annual  
Job Openings*  
8,980

<i>Employment in</i>	
<i>2004</i>	<i>2014</i>
149,950	208,400

## UNITED STATES

*Employment in*  
*2006*  
2,417,150

*Female* 93%  
*Minority* 27%

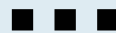
## EMPLOYMENT CODES

*OES* 32502

*O\*NET* 29-1111.00  
*Registered Nurses*

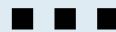
## JOB DESCRIPTION

Care for ill, injured, convalescent, and disabled persons in hospitals, clinics, private homes, nursing facilities, and similar institutions. Assess and manage patient/client responses to actual and potential health care problems.



## SKILLS AND APTITUDES NEEDED

- ◆ Should have a caring, sympathetic nature
- ◆ Must be emotionally stable to handle stress
- ◆ Ability to follow orders precisely
- ◆ Ability to accept responsibility
- ◆ Ability to direct or supervise others



Registered nurses (R.N.s) work to promote health, prevent disease, and help patients cope with illness. They are advocates and health educators for patients, families, and communities. When providing direct patient care, they observe, assess, and record symptoms, reactions, and progress; assist physicians during treatments and examinations; administer medication; and assist in convalescence and rehabilitation. R.N.s also develop and manage nursing care plans; instruct patients and their families in proper care; and help individuals and groups take steps to improve or maintain their health.

Most nurses in hospitals and nursing homes work a 40-hour week, but because patients need round-the-clock care, some work nights, weekends, and holidays. They often stand for long periods and help patients move in bed, stand, or walk. They are subject to back injuries when moving patients and shock from electrical equipment. Nurses may care for individuals with infectious diseases such as hepatitis. They must observe rigid guidelines to guard against dangers such as radiation, chemicals used for sterilization of instruments, and anesthetics.

## PANHANDLE AREA PUBLIC TRAINING PROVIDERS

Training Provider	Direct Training	Related Training	Education Offering
Amarillo College Amarillo, Dumas, Hereford	√		A.A.S. (Associate in Applied Science Degree), Nursing - Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Major
		√	A.S. (Associate in Science Degree), Nursing (Pre-Nursing) Major
Clarendon College Clarendon, Pampa		√	A.S. (Associate in Science Degree), Nursing Major
Frank Phillips College Borger, Perryton		√	Certificate of Completion (Nursing)
West Texas A&M University Canyon	√		B.S.N. (Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree), Nursing Major

Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) Programs may articulate into Associate or Bachelor Degree Nursing Programs. Please refer to the LVN Occupational Profile in this handbook for Training Provider Information. For information on Panhandle Area private training providers or public training providers outside of the Panhandle Area, please refer to the Resource Index.

### LICENSE/CERTIFICATION

Required: Licensure by the State Board of Nurse Examiners

Required: Continuing education credits for licensure renewal

### HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT LEVELS BY INDUSTRY

General Medical/Surgical Hospitals	68%	Elementary/Secondary Schools	4%
Physician's Offices	6%	Outpatient Care Centers	3%
Home Health Care Services	5%	Federal Government	2%
Nursing Care Facilities	4%	Colleges/Universities/Professional Schools	2%

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

American Association of Colleges of Nursing, 1 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 463-6930, <http://www.aacn.campusrn.com>

American Nurses Association (ANA) Nursing World, 8515 Georgia Ave., Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (800) 274-4262, <http://www.nursingworld.org>

Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, 333 Guadalupe #3-460. Austin, TX 78701, (512) 305-7400, <http://www.bne.state.tx.us>

National League for Nursing, 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, (800) 669-1656, <http://www.nln.org>

Texas Nurses Association, 7600 Burnet Road, Suite 440, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 452-0645, <http://texasnurses.org>

For additional website sources, please refer to the Resource Index.

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