

Pathways in Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nursing

YOU WANT TO BECOME A NURSE.

By **2024**, the U.S. demand for RNs is expected to increase by **440,000 jobs** or **16%** (BLS 2017).

The average starting salary is **\$68,700** and can be as high as **\$80k+** in high demand states.

Women's health, obstetric and neonatal nurses jobs will make up **more than 10%** of specialized nursing jobs.

Obtain a Nursing Education

Diploma
in
Nursing

Associate of
Science in
Nursing

Bachelor of
Science in
Nursing

You pass the
NCLEX-RN
(National Council
Licensure exam for
Registered Nurses)

The National Academy of Medicine and AWHONN encourage nurses to achieve the BSN which is often required to progress to the advanced practice role.

Join AWHONN as a student member and get discounts and career resources.

You are now an RN, licensed in your state.

REFERENCES
Bureau of Labor Statistics <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>
AWHONN Position Statement on Nursing Education [http://www.jognn.org/article/S0884-2175\(15\)31511-2/abstract?utm_source=awhonn.org](http://www.jognn.org/article/S0884-2175(15)31511-2/abstract?utm_source=awhonn.org)
2016 NCLEX Fact Sheet at <https://www.ncsbn.org>
2017 NCC Website <https://www.nccwebsite.org/Certification/Exam-detail.aspx?eid=1>
Nursing Degrees and Requirements <http://www.allnursingschools.com/registered-nursing/degrees/>



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PROMOTING THE HEALTH OF
WOMEN AND NEWBORNS

Start Working as a Registered Nurse

Some healthcare facilities require 1-2 years of experience in medical-surgical nursing or other area before specializing in the obstetric area.

WAYS TO INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE & MARKETABILITY

Complete a student internship in the obstetric setting.

Volunteer in labor & delivery, postpartum or nursery.

Seek out a mentor.

Attend AWHONN section & chapter meetings.

Attend job fairs and seek advice on resume.

Apply for a Job as a Perinatal Nurse

A perinatal nurse, sometimes referred to as an obstetric nurse, cares for women, newborns and their families before pregnancy, during pregnancy, during birth, after birth and through the postpartum period. Categories and terms found in job titles are listed below.

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Obstetric Nurse

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Antepartum Nurse

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Maternity Nurse

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Mother/Baby Nurse

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Postpartum Nurse

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Neonatal Nurse

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Women's Health Nurse

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Gynecology Nurse

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Reproductive Health Nurse

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Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse

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Labor & Delivery Nurse

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Well Baby Nursery Nurse

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Special Care Nursery Nurse

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Gynecology/Oncology Nurse

After 2 years of clinical experience, you can become certified in your specialty area.

Inpatient Obstetric Nursing

Maternal Newborn Nursing

Low Risk Neonatal Nursing

Neonatal Intensive Care

Nursing Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

2 yrs

NCC is one organization that provides examinations to evaluate the special knowledge (entry level of nurse practitioners) seeking public recognition of their obstetric, gynecologic, neonatal, women's health nursing expertise. Learn more at <http://www.nccwebsite.org/>. There may also be other organizations that provide specialty certification exams.



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