




Use it or Lose it: Keeping Clinically & Professionally Current

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Where the jobs are....

- Government
 - Prison, VA, Indian Health
 - Military
- Rural/Underserved
- Non-acute areas
- Non-popular shifts
- Summer Camps
- Relocation: CA, TX?




Set yourself apart from the rest, what makes you different?



Get more education: Formal

- Patricia Benner: Educating Nurses, A Call for Radical Transformation, 2010
- Impact of Health Care Reform
- BSN, MSN and beyond
- Explore programs with clinical practice
- ? Student Loan Deferment



Get more education: Informal


- Nursing Continuing Education
- Gain certifications
- Consider your area of interest, gain specialty knowledge
- Transition to Practice Options/Residency Programs



Can you work as a CNA or LPN with a RN license?

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“ONLY if that RN, holds a valid Arizona LPN license, then he/she could use the LPN title, and would have to adhere to the LPN Scope of Practice within that job description. The issue however, becomes a concern that the ‘employer’ and or ‘RN’ may have difficulties allowing that RN to remain identified in the LPN role.”



Volunteer

- Hospitals, clinics, home care, hospice, schools, camps, wellness locations, VA/government, research (remember scope!)
- Tutor nursing students (simulation labs, clinical labs)
- Rural USA or International opportunities



Network

- Student Nurses Association: be a mentor
- Continue Mentors/Preceptor relationships
- Join Professional Organizations
- New Grad Support Programs
- Facebook: New Grad RNs of Arizona
- Twitter: @NursejobsUSA

