



# Registered Nurse

in Northern New York State

## 01. How do I become an RN?

Two options to become an RN:

- 1) A bachelor's of science degree in nursing (BSN)
- 2) An associate degree in nursing (ADN) offered by a community college

## Where can I find an education program?

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There are dozens of nursing programs in New York! Check out this website for a list of the programs:

[www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/nurseprogs.htm](http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/nurseprogs.htm)

## 03. NYS Licensure Requirements

To be licensed as an RN in New York, you must:

- Receive at least a two-year degree from a program in general professional nursing that is acceptable to the New York State Department of Education
- Pass the National Council of State Boards of Nursing examination

## What do RNs do?

Registered nurses (RNs) treat and educate patients and the public about various medical conditions, record patients' medical histories and symptoms, assist with diagnostic testing, analyze results, operate medical equipment, help with patient follow-up and rehabilitation.

- Deliver and supervise patient care
- Administer medications and treatment
- Evaluate the outcomes of care
- Conduct research or quality improvement projects
- Educate nurses in training

## Where do RNs work?

Hospitals, physicians' offices, home healthcare, skilled nursing, outpatient, schools, correctional facilities, and even places like cruise ships.

## Are jobs available in Northern NY?

Absolutely, yes! Between 2016 and 2026 the number of jobs are expected to increase by 14.8% nationwide and increase in New York by 20.1%.

## How much do RNs make?

The NYS Department of Labor reports that registered nurses in New York earned an average annual salary of \$87,840 (entry level-\$56,980, experienced-\$123,860).

