

# About us.

FDRHPO was founded in 2005 to connect Fort Drum Soldiers and families with quality healthcare in the North Country, and we are still dedicated to this goal today. However, our work extends beyond Fort Drum, as we work to strengthen the System for Health for all individuals living in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties- civilians and Soldiers alike.



## Want to know more?

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## NURSING

Registered Nurse  
RN

*in Northern New York State*





## What do RNs do?

Registered nurses (RNs) treat and educate patients and the public about various medical conditions, record patients' medical histories, 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 for a nursing education program

## 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 will increase by 14.8% nationwide and will 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).

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### 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?

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/nurs\\_eprgs.htm](http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/nurs_eprgs.htm)

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### NYS Licensure Requirements

All RNs must be licensed. To be licensed as an RN in New York, you must be at least 18 years of age, meet education requirements of having received at least a two-year degree from a program in general professional nursing that is acceptable to the New York State Department of Education, and pass the National Council of State Boards of Nursing examination.

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