

Careers as a registered nurse

Exceptional care and remarkable opportunities



Registered nurses (RNs) are skilled professionals providing evidence-based, compassionate care in varied settings. RNs have the privilege of supporting patients, often at critical times in their lives.

A career as an RN with NSW Health will provide you with ongoing education, support, collaborative working relationships, and the opportunity to develop and advance your career.

The role of registered nurses

RNs work with patients and clients in hospitals, the community and residential settings. RNs have a central role in the healthcare team, assessing, planning, providing and evaluating care for people with acute, chronic and complex health conditions.

RNs practice in all clinical specialties and also work in education, management, research and policy roles.

The RN role is fast-paced and requires critical thinking, clear communication, technical skills and empathy.

Start your nursing career

To become an RN you will need to complete a **Bachelor of Nursing** at university. Nursing degrees are a mix of theory, simulation lab work, and clinical placements in various settings. Registration to practice as an RN is by application to the **Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia**.

RN education for Aboriginal and rurally based people is supported by NSW Health **undergraduate scholarships and grants**.

RNs are highly employable across Australia and internationally. Each year we recruit thousands of graduates through the NSW Health state-wide **GradStart** program that supports your transition to practice.

Progress your nursing career

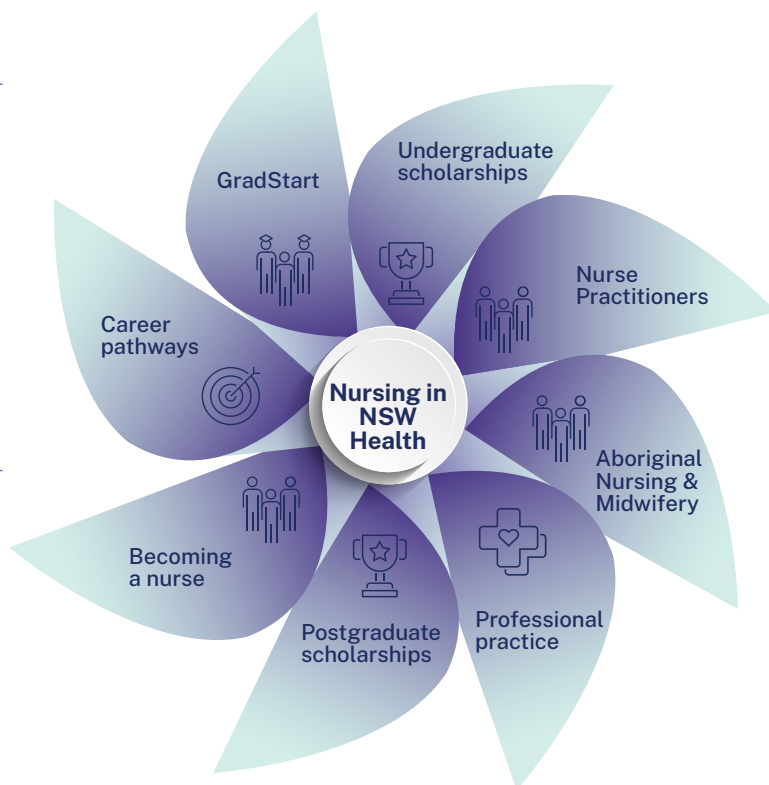
RNs have interesting and rewarding careers with exciting and diverse professional possibilities. NSW Health is dedicated to supporting nurses with a range of career-enriching development opportunities.

Access a **career pathway** to support and fast-track your expertise in **rural or mental health nursing**.

Enhance and advance your career in clinical practice, nursing education or management with **postgraduate studies** supported by a NSW Health **postgraduate scholarship**.

Realise your leadership potential with a NSW Health nursing **leadership program** that will equip and empower you to lead high performing teams and deliver exceptional care.

With additional qualifications and training, you could become a **nurse practitioner** providing advanced, specialised care, or further develop your career as a midwife, supported by the **MidStart** program.



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