

Career of the Month: Adult Nurse



Minimum qualifications

an undergraduate degree



Typical salary (with experience)

£25 – 35k



Competition for places

Medium



Demand for this role

High

The majority of job opportunities lie within the NHS, although other employers include private hospitals, the armed forces, hospices and nursing homes, and the prison service.

Useful skills and qualities:

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| Highly motivated | Methodical |
| Inquisitive | Confident |
| A good communicator | A team player |
| Caring | Practical |

Related interests:

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| Sciences | Medicine & Health |
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Things to consider

- Rewarding**
Helping a wide range of people to get better or become more independent is both rewarding and enjoyable.
- Distressing aspects**
You may have to deal with distressed, angry or violent patients.
- Flexible hours**
Career breaks are common and the NHS runs specialist courses to get nurses who have had a break back up to speed quickly.
- Well-paid**
If you specialise in a particular area and undertake the training to become a nurse consultant, you could advance towards band 8 pay.
- Travel/work abroad**
UK nursing qualifications are recognised across the globe so there are opportunities to work abroad.

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