

What Does a Nurse Do?

There are many people who help us in our lives, such as teachers, firefighters, police officers, vets, postal workers, builders, electricians, plumbers, bus drivers and medical experts like doctors, nurses, paramedics, and other important people who help save our lives.

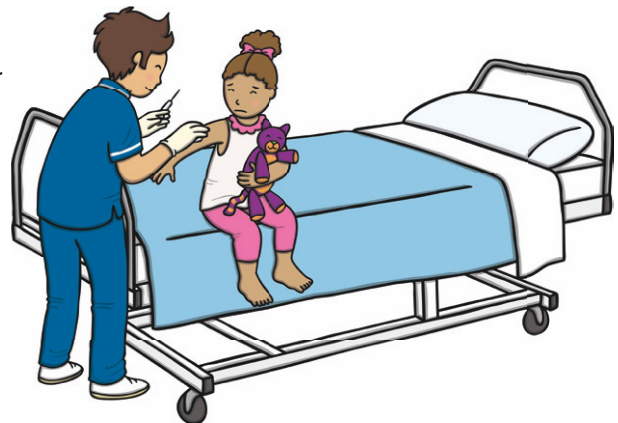
Great nurses...

- are caring;
- work well in a team and on their own;
- listen to people;
- are good at talking to people;
- make quick choices;
- can cope with being very busy;
- are helpful;
- are kind;
- are hard working;
- help doctors;
- multitask;
- have patience.



What roles and responsibilities do nurses have?

Like doctors, nurses also treat and care for their patients. They help lots of people - from the ones who have cuts and other small injuries, to some who are very poorly for a long, long time. They help their patients get better by using care plans, doing tests and giving medicine to help people to become healthy again. People usually see nurses in doctors' surgeries by making appointments, but nurses also work in hospital wards and emergency departments. Nurses are very busy and do lots of different jobs like give jabs, change bandages, check on the patients, clean cuts, take blood pressure, write notes and get people ready for operations. Nurses in hospitals can care for the same patients a lot - they talk with them and their families and so they get to know the patients very well.



Where can nurses work?

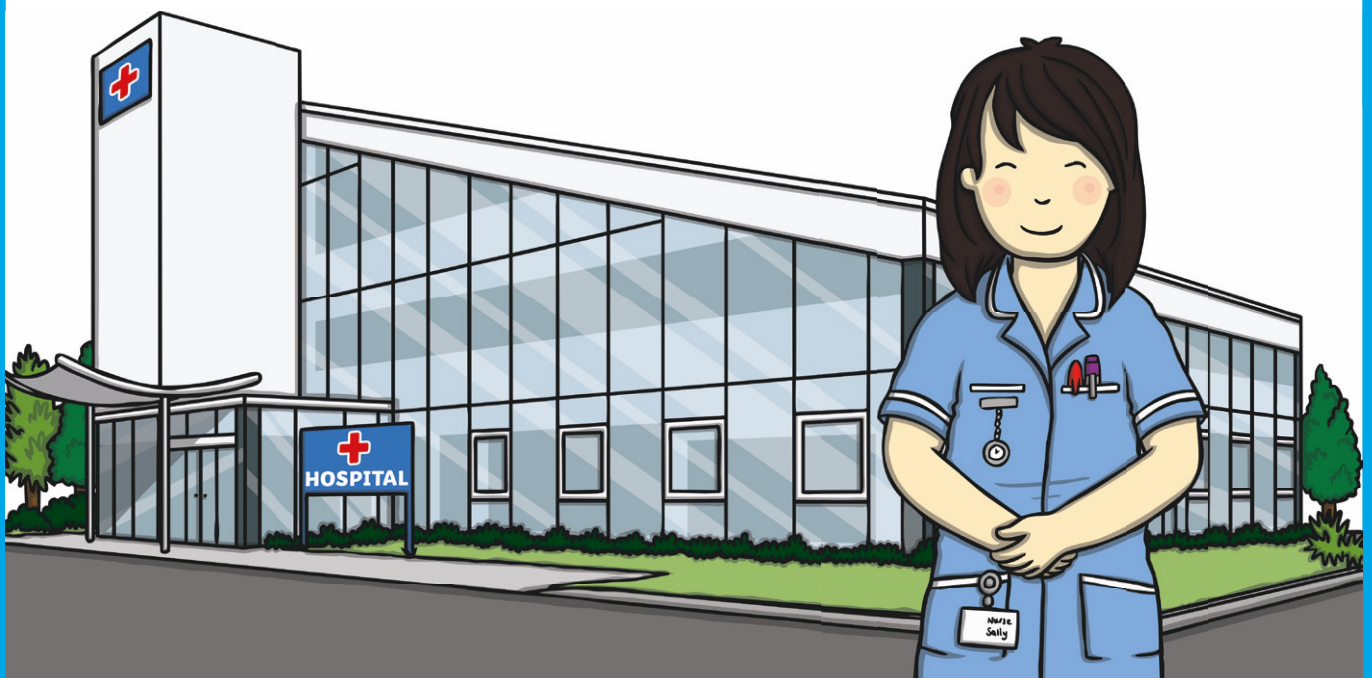
They can work in surgeries, hospitals, clinics, navy, army and air force bases, prisons, homes, schools and other places, in our country and abroad.

What do nurses wear and need?

Nurses usually wear a uniform. This could be scrubs, a white dress or a blue coat and dark trousers. Nurses need needles, gloves, bandages, swabs, tweezers, scissors, notepads, pens, pencils, clipboards, thermometers, medicines and lots of other medical equipment.

How do you become a nurse?

To become a nurse, you have to have GCSE qualifications from secondary school and then go to college or university to complete a nurse training programme.



What Does a Nurse Do? Questions

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. Name five skills great nurses have.

2. How are nurses like doctors?

3. What types of people do nurses help?

4. How do nurses help their patients get better?

5. How do people get to see nurses in doctors' surgeries?

6. Name five things nurses do.

7. Why do nurses need to be caring people?

8. Why might a nurse need to be able to work well in a team?

9. What do nurses wear?

10. Have you met a nurse before and what were they like?
