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Nurse Practitioners

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Health Science

North Carolina

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Annual Salary (Wages)

Lower End Wage (10th Percentile)

\$94,990(\$45.67/hr)

Middle Wage (50th Percentile)

\$111,140(\$53.44/hr)

Higher End Wage (90th Percentile)

\$137,390(\$66.05/hr)

Annual Median Wage

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Annual NC Wage Range

Growth Rate

Very Fast Growing



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Nurse Practitioners, also referred to as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), coordinate patient care and may provide primary and specialty healthcare. The scope of practice varies from state to state.

What do they typically do

- ✓ Perform and order diagnostic tests and analyze results
- ✓ Take and record patients' medical histories and symptoms
- ✓ Operate and monitor medical equipment
- ✓ Observe patients and diagnose various health problems
- ✓ Teach patients and families about patient care and how to stay healthy
- ✓ Perform physical exams
- ✓ Give patients medicines and treatments
- ✓ Set up plans for patients' care or contribute to existing plans

Interests

S I R  
Social Investigative Realistic

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Ratings

Wage (5/5)

\$

Job Openings (5/5)

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Job Growth Rate (5/5)

%

Experience Level (5/5)

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Common Job Titles

■ Nurse Practitioner (NP)

■ Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP)

■ Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)

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Family Medicine Physicians

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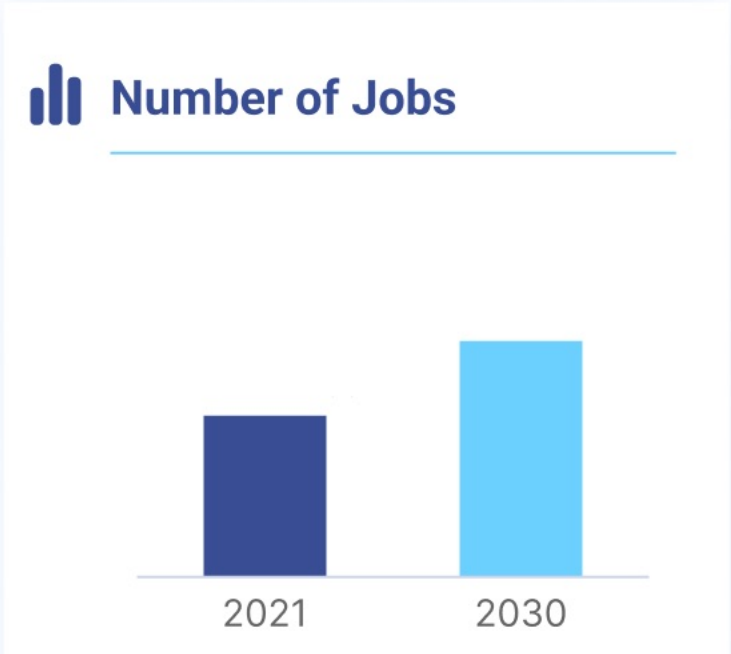
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Select a region/location in North Carolina to begin your search.

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Education & Training

Education

Most require a graduate degree like a master's, Ph.D., M.D., or law degree.

Associated Programs or Majors

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License

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Work Place

Nurse practitioners' work can be both physically and emotionally demanding. Some spend much of their day on their feet. Back injuries may happen due to lifting and moving patients. They must follow strict guidelines to avoid diseases and other dangers like accidental needle sticks. Nurse practitioners working in doctors' offices or schools usually have normal business hours. Those working in hospitals and other healthcare facilities may work in shifts to provide round-the-clock patient care.

Top Skills & Abilities

- Reading work-related information
  - Listening to others, not interrupting, and asking good questions
  - Noticing a problem and figuring out the best way to solve it
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Knowledge/Specialties

- Medicine and Dentistry
- Biology
- Therapy and Counseling
- Sociology and Anthropology
- Psychology
- Chemistry
- Communications and Media
- Education and Training
- Law and Government
- Customer and Personal Service
- Mathematics
- English Language
- Public Safety and Security
- Computers and Electronics
- Administration and Management

Experience

Extensive skill, knowledge, and experience are needed. Many require more than five years of experience.

Training

May need some on-the-job training, but most assume you will already have the required skills, knowledge, experience, and training.



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Biology

Therapy and Counseling

Sociology and Anthropology

Psychology

Chemistry

Communications and Media

More

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Associated Programs or Majors

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Credentials

License

N/A

Private Training Programs

N/A

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### Registered Nurses

Star Rating: ★★★★★  
Education: Master's degree

Annual Median Wage

**\$ 76,430**

\$59,580 — \$100,430  
Annual NC Wage Range

Growth Rate

Moderately Growing

Avg. Annual Openings

Very Strong Opportunity  
8,221

Interests

S I C  
Social Investigative Conventional

Top Skills & Abilities

Listening to others, not interrupting, and asking good questions

Noticing a problem and figuring out the best way to solve it

Understanding people's reactions

More

Knowledge/Specialties

Medicine and Dentistry

Psychology

Therapy and Counseling

Biology

Administrative

Customer and Personal Service

English Language

More

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### Psychiatrists

Star Rating: ★★★★★  
Education: Master's degree

Annual Median Wage

**\$ 354,546**

\$130,961 — \$797,729  
Annual NC Wage Range

Growth Rate

Fast Growing

Avg. Annual Openings

Few Opportunities  
29

Interests

I S A  
Investigative Social Artistic

Top Skills & Abilities

Listening to others, not interrupting, and asking good questions

Understanding people's reactions

Talking to others

Noticing a problem and

More

Knowledge/Specialties

Therapy and Counseling

Medicine and Dentistry

Psychology

Biology

Philosophy and Theology

Sociology and Anthropology

Education and Training

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North Carolina

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Growth Rate

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