



## Types of nursing

Nursing gives you the opportunity to make a difference to people's lives on a daily basis. There are four key

areas of nursing you can choose to specialise in, with each leading on to a wide range of rewarding roles with plenty of scope for progression.

- **Mental health nurse**

You'll deliver care and support to patients who are struggling with their mental health, helping them manage their condition with medication or relevant therapies.

Becoming a mental health nurse [1]



- **Learning disability nurse**

You'll help people with learning disabilities to live an independent and fulfilling life, working alongside a multidisciplinary team as you support patients of all ages.

Becoming a learning disability nurse [2]



- Adult nurse**

You'll look after adult patients of all ages who suffer from long or short-term physical health conditions, assessing their needs and planning their care as you nurses them back to health.

Becoming an adult nurse [3]



- Children's nurse**



You'll work with children of all ages, from newborns to adolescents, providing treatment and care to them, and support to their parents or carers.

#### Becoming a children's nurse [4]



- #### **Nursing associate**

A new role within the nursing team, you'll get the chance to work across all four fields of nursing, as well as being a stepping stone to becoming a registered nurse.

#### Becoming a nursing associate [5]



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## Roles you can do after qualifying

With a world of opportunity to progress throughout your career, becoming a nurse is only the beginning.

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### **District nurse**

You'll provide complex care for patients and support for family members in people's homes and in residential care homes.

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### **General practice nurse**

You'll work in GP surgeries and involved in most aspects of patient care such as taking blood samples and wound management.

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### **Health visitor**

You'll work with families to give pre-school-age children the best possible start in life.

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### **Neonatal nurse**

You'll care for newborn babies who are born premature or sick and may have problems such as respiratory difficulties or nutritional needs.

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### **Prison nurse**

You'll provide similar care to GP nurses along with supporting people with mental health and substance misuse problems.

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## School nurse

You'll promote healthy lifestyles and prevent illness with school age students.

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## Theatre nurse

You'll work with patients of all ages in each phase of their operation.

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