

Tribal Clinic Nurse

Long-term  
care nurse

Community Health Nurse

Pediatric Nurse

Nurse Educator

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Home Health  
Care Nurse

Public Health Nurse

Oncology Nurse

Military Nurse

Nurse Anesthetist

Diabetes Nurse

Practitioner



The Washington Center for Nursing (WCN) is the statewide nursing workforce organization with the goal of ensuring that there are enough appropriately educated nurses to care for all of Washington's residents.

The WCN Board is led by nurses from across Washington who are actively involved in their communities. They include men and women of different backgrounds and ethnicities, representing many care settings and education levels.



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Nursing is a challenging and rewarding lifelong career that offers a variety of practice, education and leadership opportunities. As nurses, women and men make a difference doing what they love in any setting around the world.

Successful nurses:

- Make a difference in peoples' lives
- Are part of something bigger than themselves
- Advocate for patients and families
- Are lifelong learners
- Choose from hundreds of roles ranging from patient care to research
- Work anywhere in the world
- Earn competitive wages
- Enjoy the richness of a scientific education

### Native American nurses describe their careers...

*"Native patients in particular appreciate that I understand their experience. I feel like I am able to contribute to their health care needs by talking, listening, and giving a little bit of advice to help them make positive changes when it concerns their health. Native nurses know what problems plague our communities, and we can make a real difference in our profession."*

*"Nursing is a great profession to get into. As a native nurse, I am able to make a great impact in the lives of my patients. There are a variety of fields that you can enter and it never gets boring. As a nurse, you get to take care of all different kinds of people, young and old. It is a very rewarding experience."*

#### Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN):

Provides direct care and collects data for assessment. Delivers care, administers medications, and performs treatments. Works under the supervision of an MD, RN, ARNP or PA in hospitals, long term care, home care or out-patient settings. Passes the LPN-NCLEX exam to become licensed in the state of Washington.

#### Registered Nurse (RN):

Manages and provides complex care, promotes health and wellness, educates patients and families, and collaborates with physicians in planning, delivering and evaluating care. Supervises other staff.

Works in a variety of settings. Completes an Associate, Baccalaureate or Masters entry program, and passes the RN-NCLEX exam to be licensed in the state of Washington.

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#### RNs may also obtain a Master's or Doctoral degree and have roles like:

##### Advanced Practice Nurse (APN):

RNs with a Master's or Doctoral degree may become Nurse Midwives (CRNM), Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA), or Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) or Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP). ARNPs can be primary care providers who diagnose and prescribe treatments and medications, and manage their own practice of patients.

##### Nurse Educator:

Nurses with a Master's degree or Doctoral degree teach nursing students in education programs, conduct research, and practice nursing.

#### Native American nurses play an important role in a variety of environments...

- Urban communities, clinics and hospitals
- Rural and remote communities
- Indian health clinics
- Tribal schools and communities