Neonatal Nurse

**Job Description:** Specializes in the care of infants from newborn up to 2 years of age, including those born with a variety of conditions ranging from prematurity, birth defects, infection, cardiac malformations, and surgical problems.

**What does a Neonatal Nurse do?**

* Supervise the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), ranging from healthy, the less acutely ill, and to critically ill infants
* Record patients' vital signs, administer medications, and monitor patients for reactions and side effects
* Monitor, record, and report symptoms or changes in patients' conditions
* May administer techniques for neonatal resuscitation
* Administer treatment through technologies including incubators and mechanical ventilation
* Conduct neonatal tests including hearing and vision tests
* Care for patient and mother needs by washing and administering shots to newborn, as well as educating parents on the newborn's needs

**Your Interests:**

* Do you like helping people?
* Do you like caring for children, specifically infants?
* Do you communicate well with others?
* Are you attentive and detail-oriented?

**Outlook:**

Average Salary - $37.31 hourly, $77,600 annually

Projected Job Openings – 194,500 in the next 10 years

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Entry level positions require a bachelor's degree, more specialized positions might require a master's degree.
* Degree paths include nursing and biology