



STEM Careers

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

Sources:

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