

WORKING TO BE AN**Advanced Practice Nurse****What type of education does it take to become an advanced practice nurse?**

- APNs have completed more education than the normal two to four year RN program
- Often means completing a master's degree, but sometimes can be a certificate program

What licenses or certifications do you need to be an advanced practice nurse?

- Certificate programs are available for some specialties to be an APN, this is in addition to the regular state license exam required to be a registered nurse

What do advanced practice nurses do?

- Provide basic, primary healthcare for patients
- Write prescriptions
- Develop and use nursing care plans and keep medical records
- Diagnose and treat common acute illnesses and injuries
- Interpret lab results
- May work as an administrator supervising other nurses
- May specialize in giving anesthesia to patients
- May specialize as a nurse midwife

What is the normal pay range for an advanced practice nurse?

- \$34.25 – \$40.19 per hour

What is the work environment like for an advanced practice nurse?

- Most work in a comfortable, well-lit, temperature controlled healthcare facility
- May work in patients' homes, community centers, or other sites
- Danger of infections are present but precautions keep accidents low
- Usually work a 40 hour week but may require nights, weekends, and holidays

What Source partners offer training to be an advanced practice nurse?

- Lourdes College
- University of Toledo

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How can an advanced practice nurse grow in their field?

- May supervise other nurses, research, work as an educator, or work as a policymaker
- May specialize in one of four areas: nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, or nurse midwife