

WORKING TO BE AN**Orderly****What type of education is needed to be an orderly?**

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Solid understanding of human anatomy and basic medical terminology

What licenses or certifications are needed to be an orderly?

- None required

What does an orderly do?

- Work in acute care hospitals under nursing or medical staff to help care for patients
- Help patients walk, exercise, and move in and out of bed
- Lift, push, pull, and transfer patients to treatment units, operating and x-ray rooms, and take bodies to the morgue
- Re-position bedridden patients
- Assist nurses with patients and restrain patients if needed
- Set up equipment as needed

What is the normal pay range for an orderly?

- \$8.07–\$13.57 per hour

What is the work environment like for an orderly?

- Most will be well-lit, air-conditioned, and have modern equipment
- Walk or stand most of the day; must be careful not to strain their back from lifting
- Can be exposed to radiation and chemicals as well as diseases, but precautions can be taken to reduce the risk
- Usually work a regular 40 hour work week; overtime may be required
- In hospitals may need to work evening, weekend, and holiday shifts

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How can an orderly grow in their field?

- Medical assistant
- Cardiovascular technician
- Sterile processing technician