

## Find Your Dream Job (100 Points)

Let's find your dream job! You will do research to find your dream job in the health field and what type of education and skills you will need to get this job. The purpose of this activity is to help you gain a better understanding of how your intended major, future education goals, and skills need to be applied to the career you want. **You will need to download your completed assignment as a PDF and add it to your ePortfolio under the "Dream Job" section in Assignments.**

1. To get started, complete the following quiz:

<https://advance.appily.com/careers/healthcare/quiz>

- What were your results?  
**My results were a practitioner**
- Did they surprise you? Why or why not?  
**Yes, but no at the same time I can see why because of the description but i've never even thought about becoming a nurse practitioner.**

2. Find at least 3 job postings that you would be interested in applying to that requires the degree you are currently pursuing or a degree you're interested in pursuing. Examples of where to search: Indeed.com, LinkedIn, USA Jobs, Glassdoor, or just Google the job you want to find! Copy and paste the job postings below. Answer the questions under each link in complete sentences.

- Job 1 Link: Travel pediatric Emergency room RN  
<https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=81cb94470747e40b&from=shareddesktop>
- Identify the salary range: **Between \$1,550 and \$4,700 per week, or up to \$61,100 for a 13-week assignment**
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?  
**At least one year of working in the Pediatric ER as a registered nurse.**
- What degrees, certifications or training is required? **At least an Associate Degree in Nursing or a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), pass the NCLEX exam to become a registered nurse, and gain significant experience working in a pediatric emergency room, many agencies prefer a BSN and at least one year of pediatric ER experience**
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?  
**Communication skills, critical thinking, adaptability, experience in the field. Tasks include taking and monitoring vital sign, communicating with parents, providing routine checkups for children, giving immunizations, and treating illnesses.**

- Job 2 Link: RN- Postpartum and Nursery  
<https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=1c205ae43be9c9ee&from=shareddesktop>
- Identify the salary range: **The average salary is \$136,554, with a range of \$104,600–\$211,668.**
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?  
**At least two years of relevant experience in a maternity unit.**
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?  
**At least an Associate Degree in Nursing or a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, pass the NCLEX exam to become a registered nurse, and gain significant experience working as a registered nurse in labor and delivery or postpartum care before specializing in this area.**

- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?  
**Compassion, attention to detail, infant care, critical thinking. Tasks include, caring for new mothers and their newborns after delivery, monitoring their vital signs, providing education on breastfeeding and newborn care, managing pain, administering medications.**

- Job 3 Link: Nurse Practitioner- NICU  
<https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=41f53e38aa968e99&from=shareddesktop>
- Identify the salary range: **Average salary is \$136,649 per year, with the top earners reaching up to \$160,000 annually.**
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?  
**You must first become a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, then gain hands-on experience in a Level III NICU, Enroll in a specialized Neonatal Nurse Practitioner program within an MSN program. After completing your education, you need to pass the national NNP certification exam.**

- What degrees, certifications or training is required?

Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, then complete a graduate-level program specializing in neonatal nursing, typically a Master of Science in Nursing, most states even require an additional license called the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?

Skills include Advanced knowledge of nursing, critical thinking, monitoring, stamina because shifts will be long, and compassion. Tasks include assessing and monitoring critically ill newborns, diagnosing conditions, ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests, developing treatment plans, performing procedures like intubation and central line placement, educating parents on infant care, and collaborating with other healthcare professionals.

**Reflection:** From the 3 job postings you found, choose one job you want the most. Why does this job appeal to you the most? What skills do you already possess that would help you to get this job? Identify skills you are still building or need more experience performing. Discuss options to sharpen or learn the skills you will need to gain.

My second job posting was the one I wanted the most. It's actually a job I will be applying for after becoming a nurse. I want to become a nursery nurse because I just love being around the babies and I enjoy working with babies and helping nurture them. I already possess critical thinking, compassion, and communication skills. I would have to learn infant care and work on my attention to detail. I feel as if I'm good at spotting things but in this field I will need a stronger eye for things that others could have missed.