

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 showed that my ideal role could be a practitioner.
- Did they surprise you? Why or why not?
Honestly, after reading the summary of a practitioner provided by them, it doesn't surprise me all that much.

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: [Saved Jobs | Glassdoor](#)
- Identify the salary range: \$78,000 - \$90,000
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?
A minimum of three years of experience in the OR as a circulating nurse at an acute care hospital or in ASC setting, but ICU or ER will be considered if you have experience there.
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?
You must be a graduate of an accredited school of nursing, hold a current VA RN license, current ACLS and PALS. Four years in an acute care hospital or multi-specialty free-standing ASC, previous experience with EMR applications that incorporate the intraoperative process, and BSN are preferred.
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?
This establishment does not state what skills and tasks are involved for this job.

- Job 2 Link: [Registered Nurse - Inpatient Psychiatry Unit](#)
- Identify the salary range: \$98k - \$133k
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?
A minimum of 1 year of inpatient psychiatric RN experience within the last two years of applying is required.
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?
An associate's degree in nursing from an accredited institution, a current and unrestricted RN license from any US state, DC, Puerto Rico, Guam, or the US Virgin Islands.
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?
Skills include expertise in psychiatric care and patient-centered care, strong communication skills (verbal and written), and proficiency in documentation and crisis management. Key responsibilities or tasks include providing inpatient psychiatric care, assessment and treatment, collaborate with healthcare team, patient education, and crisis intervention.
- Job 3 Link: [Registered Nurse - Mental Health Nursing Unit - Job Details - Sentara Health](#)
- Identify the salary range:\$76k-\$95k
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?
This establishment does not state a minimum amount of experience required to apply for this job.
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?
A Virginia or Compact Multi-State license that is in good standing, American Heart Association BLS Certification, and an RN-Diploma, ASN, BSN, or MSN from an accredited school is required.
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?

The primary skills and tasks for this job include assessing/admitting patients, rounding checks, giving medications, talking with family members, and being responsible for the overall care of your patients.

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.

I think the one job from the three postings I chose that I would be most interested in is the Mental Health Nursing Unit. I think this job appeals to me most because I would get to assist and help people who may not be able to help themselves, and I would make me feel almost like a superhero to be able to help someone when they cannot help themselves and be there for them when they need it most. I think the soft skills that I already possess would include knowing how to care for a person holistically, listening to them, and being able to comfort them when they need it. Unfortunately, as of right now I am only a CNA so I don't have any experience with hard skills like giving medication and admitting patients, but I have talked with family members and done rounding checks on patients. I would love and be completely willing to expand my knowledge and skill level to obtain a position of this level and help people the way they need to be helped. I can, and plan to, carry through with obtaining my RN license and working in hospitals after doing so. I can get some experience in mental health units over time, and if I feel that it is suitable for me, I can make my decisions of what my next steps will be.