

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 said my ideal role could be "Practitioner".
- Did they surprise you? Why or why not?
Yes, my results surprised me. They surprised me because a practitioner requires a higher education level, typically a masters degree which is something I am not interested in.

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:
https://www.ziprecruiter.com/jobs-search?search=registered+nurse+pediatrics&location=Norfolk%2C+VA&refine_by_location_type=&radius=25&days=&refine_by_employment=employment_type%3Aall&refine_by_salary=&refine_by_salary_ceil=&lvk=Ft-UqdXzBsB2Q2258Nmv3Q--NaiKNrcoJ
- Identify the salary range: \$156,000
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?
Must have two or more years of current acute care hospital LDRP experience related to Mother/Baby.
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?
A registered nurse degree, valid RN license, basic life support certification, and a neonatal resuscitation program certificate is required.
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?

Skills and tasks are not listed in the job description.

- Job 2 Link:
<https://www.ziprecruiter.com/jobs-search?search=Pediatric+Nurse&location=Norfolk%2C+VA&lvk=GIKt4U2GTTQMsZdDSECBQ.--NaT5R2fec>
- Identify the salary range: 112,000
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?
The amount of experience is not specified on the website.
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?
Registered Nurse degree, and a specialty in pediatric intensive care.
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?
12 hour night shifts, travel nursing, and 36 hours per week is all that is specified on zip recruiter.
- Job 3 Link: <https://kidmedva.isolvedhire.com/jobs/1310819>
- Identify the salary range: no salary, \$28-40 an hour.
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?
Graduation from a registered nursing program, RN license, Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification required, and a minimum of one year in pediatric nursing; experience in Emergency/Urgent Care is highly preferred.
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?
- Patient Assessment & Care: Conduct thorough assessments, identify patient needs, and create customized care plans. Continuously evaluate and adjust care based on patient and family feedback.

- **Documentation & Communication:** Accurately document care and treatments in a timely manner, ensuring detailed, clear records in the patient's electronic medical record (EMR). Communicate effectively with team members to support collaborative care.
- **Environment Management:** Prepare patient rooms, maintain a clean and organized work area, and ensure that all equipment is appropriately sanitized and stored.
- **Medication & Treatment Administration:** Administer medications following the "5 Rights of Medication" (patient, drug, dose, route, and time), perform phlebotomy and IV insertions, and collect lab samples safely and efficiently.
- **Patient Education & Support:** Provide patients and families with education on treatment plans, medication, and equipment use, fostering a supportive care experience.
- **Leadership & Team Support:** Monitor patient flow, prioritize high-risk patients, and support Patient Care Technicians (PCTs) with questions and guidance. Assist other clinical staff as needed.
- **Facility Operations:** Participate in opening and closing procedures, manage inventory, and support weekly equipment maintenance.

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 would like the first job I linked because I would get to work with babies and mothers. I am currently taking classes at Old Dominion University related to health sciences, and I will have to continue my education and work at a hospital for a while, and get certified in BLS and NRP. Options to sharpen and learn the skills I will need to gain will be to complete a BSN and pass the NCLEX, and find education programs that provide certifications in basic life support, and neonatal resuscitation.