

## 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?

Practitioner

- Did they surprise you? Why or why not?

I was a little surprised that it picked up on this. Becoming a nurse midwife was once my dream; lately I have strongly considered becoming a nurse practitioner as I thoroughly enjoy teaching patients how to improve their lives.

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: [100+ Nurse Practitioner Jobs with great pay and benefits near Chesapeake, VA | Indeed.com](#)

- Identify the salary range: \$80,000-\$93,600 per year

- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?

1+ years of women's health experience preferred

- What degrees, certifications or training is required?

WHNP-BC certification, requires an MSN or DNP degree after obtaining a BSN

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

Practice offers the full scope of OB-GYN services, including in-office procedures and requires a candidate who loves building relationships with patients, values bedside manner and possesses excellent clinical skills. Must comply with HIPAA and be state licensed and board certified.

- Job 2 Link: [50+ Nurse Practitioner Jobs with great pay and benefits near Chesapeake, VA | Indeed.com](#)
- Identify the salary range: pay not provided
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?  
Not listed other than experience with electronic health records.
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?  
FNP-C certification (requires a master's degree in nursing after obtaining a BSN) and DEA certification
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?  
Must be able to communicate effectively with physician, staff and patients.  
Duties include, but not limited to: Perform examinations to manage acute and chronic conditions, evaluate, diagnosis and treat adult patients. Review patient reports and make appropriate recommendations, order test/procedures and prescribe/refill medications in collaboration with our primary care physician.  
Hours are Mon. - Fri, weekend on call phone coverage with shared rotation between all providers (approximately nine weekends per year).
- Job 3 Link: [Office Nurse Practitioner \(Contract\) - Chesapeake, VA 23320 - Indeed.com](#)
- Identify the salary range: Not provided.
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?  
3-5 years pediatric experience preferred
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?  
APRN license with specialization in Family or Pediatrics (master's or doctorate degree in nursing after obtaining a BSN), CPR certification
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?  
Engages in the practices constituting the practice of medicine in collaboration with and under the medical direction and supervision of a licensed physician. Performs a wide variety of patient care activities and accommodative services to support the medical practice with effective utilization of healthcare resources. Demonstrates excellence in practice characterized by quality patient care and participation in formal and informal patient and staff education. Performs other duties as assigned.

**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.

It would be hard to choose between nurse midwife and family nurse practitioner at this time. I look forward to rotations during nursing school so that I can better experience OB/GYN care. I have birthed 4 children, each pregnancy having at least one complication - teen pregnancy at 16-17 with forceps delivery with the first, anemia twice, severe bilateral sciatica and infant distress with cephalic occiput posterior and nuchal cord delivery with the second, mild preeclampsia and bed rest with the third - gestational diabetes with each - and bed rest with several weeks in-patient and a 33-3 week emergency c-section due to complete placenta previa and difficult to control gestational diabetes from the fourth. I long dreamed of helping others through difficult pregnancies and deliveries, and being an advocate for the delivery experience the patient wants while knowing when medical intervention is needed.

I also have 10 years of dermatologic experience and 12 years of family practice experience as a NR-CMA, primarily working in the capacity of an LPN. I love the vast array of health conditions addressed in family medicine, and the ability to connect patients with the care and services they need. I have assisted in many skin and some gynecological surgeries (IUD insertion, Nexplanon removal). I have prescribed medication, discussed test results, triaged incoming phone calls, performed Medicare Annual Wellness visits, educated patients on new diagnoses such as diabetes (diet, insulin, glucose testing, CGM's, etc.), ordered DME's and home health, coordinated care with other providers, handled pharmaceutical reps and drug samples, and performed other jobs related to being a medical assistant.

I have a vocational diploma, continuing education, and certification as a medical assistant, and CPR certification. I have actively stayed current in the knowledge I needed to perform my job as well as other medical knowledge that interested me. I am currently enrolled at ODU to obtain my nursing degree with anticipation of returning to school for an advanced degree after graduating and working as an RN. I know I will need a significant amount of schooling and on the job training to gain the knowledge and skills necessary for my future.