



What is the role of a **Registered Nurse**

Registered Nurses (RNs) support a high-functioning health care system by reducing the number of emergency room visits and hospitalizations as well as helping clients, residents, and patients remain healthy and well in the community. RN practice is guided by a nationally adopted [Code of Ethics](#).

Treatment & Care

Secure a high functioning health care system by providing quality care across all health care sectors including primary, acute, long term, emergency, urgent, mental, specialty care and more. Support patients' and clients' physical, mental and emotional needs.

Research

Partake in life-long learning to improve practice, nursing education, and transfer of knowledge. Specialize in certified practice areas to provide in-depth, comprehensive care. Contribute a well-rounded nursing perspective to health care research by participating in reviews, councils, working groups and more.

Collaboration

Coordinate referrals and participate in a patient-centred, team-based approach to care alongside other health care professionals including practical nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, specialists and more to ensure a targeted yet fulsome health care experience.

Health Promotion & Education

Educate and inform patients and the public about health care management and options, disease prevention, sexual health, vaccination, exercise and nutrition, advance care planning and more.

Advocacy

Advocate for patient-centred, team-based approaches to care. Promote the inclusion of social justice, cultural safety and humility, safe supply, harm reduction, and other evidence-based forms of care to bring about change to health and social policy.

Leadership

Influence other health care professionals through education and partnership. Lead by example in areas including vaccination, mental health, exercise and nutrition, and more.

Care Planning

Coordinate health care, treatment and recovery plans for patients and clients. Consider a wide variety of treatment options based on extensive knowledge and expertise in general and specialized practice.

Assessment

Evaluate, triage and diagnose patients and clients across all sectors of care. Conduct initial head-to-toe, emergency, regular and ongoing assessments.

