



Registered nurses

Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. Administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management. Licensing or registration required. Includes Clinical Nurse Specialists.

Cognitive and mental requirements

The qualifications that workers need to use judgment, make decisions, interact with others, and adapt to changes in jobs.

In 2022, verbal interactions were required constantly (every few minutes) for 34.3 percent of registered nurses, and were required not constantly, but more than once per hour for 63.2 percent.

Table 1. Percentage of registered nurses with cognitive and mental requirements, 2022

Requirement	Yes	No
Pace: Pause control	29.2	70.8
Interaction with general public	99.7	-
Work review: Supervising others	31.9	68.1
Work review: Presence of supervisor	62.0	38.0

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

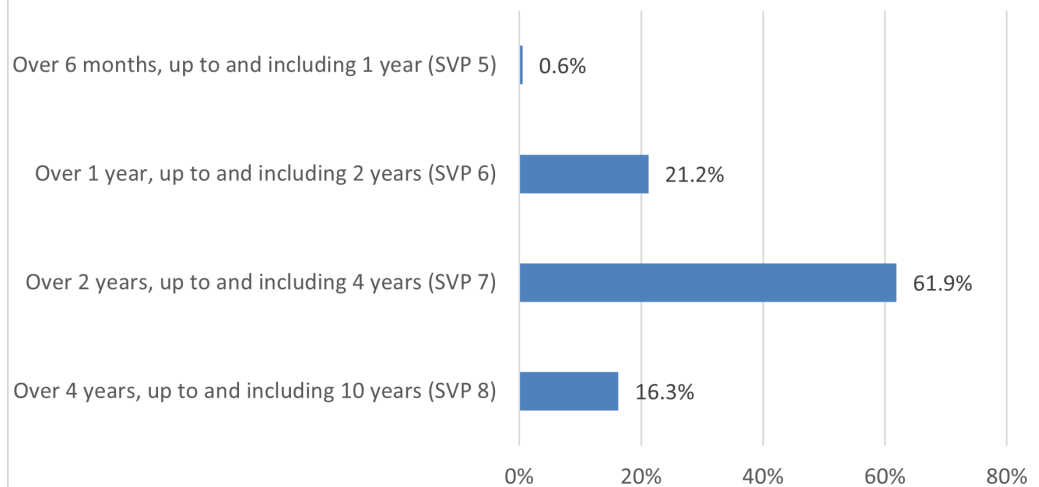
Education, training, and experience requirements

The minimum level of formal education required, credentials necessary, on-the-job training, and prior work experience necessary for average performance in jobs.

In 2022, prior work experience was required for 49.2 percent of registered nurses and on-the-job training was required for 72.9 percent.

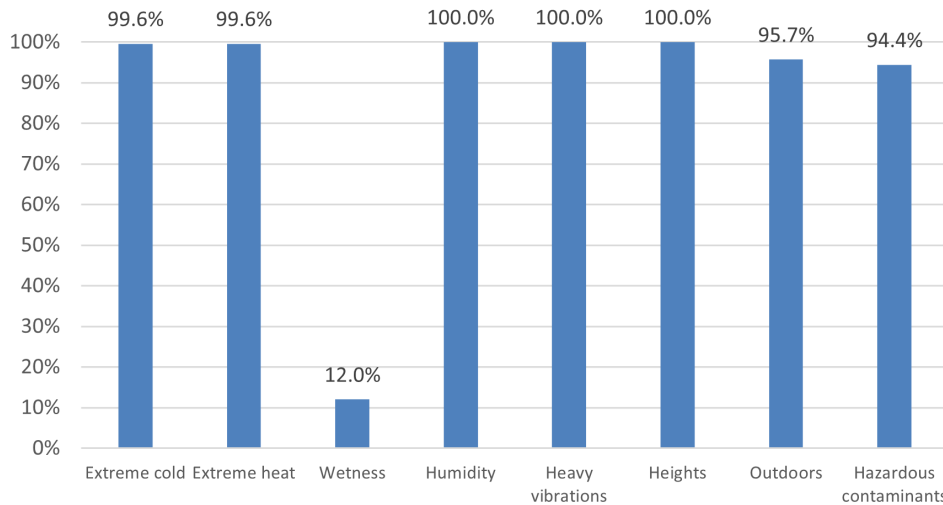
A bachelor's degree was required for 49.1 percent of registered nurses.

Chart 1. Percentage of registered nurses by specific preparation time (SVP) level, 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

Chart 2. Percentage of registered nurses without exposure to environmental conditions, 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

Environmental conditions

The various tangible or concrete hazards or difficulties that are in the vicinity of where jobs' critical tasks are performed.

In 2022, a quiet noise exposure was present for 15.5 percent of registered nurses, and 84.4 percent were exposed to moderate noise. Personal protective equipment (PPE) was not used by 100.0 percent of workers to mitigate noise exposure.

Physical demands

Refer to the physical activities required to perform tasks in jobs. The presence and, in some cases, duration of these activities are published.

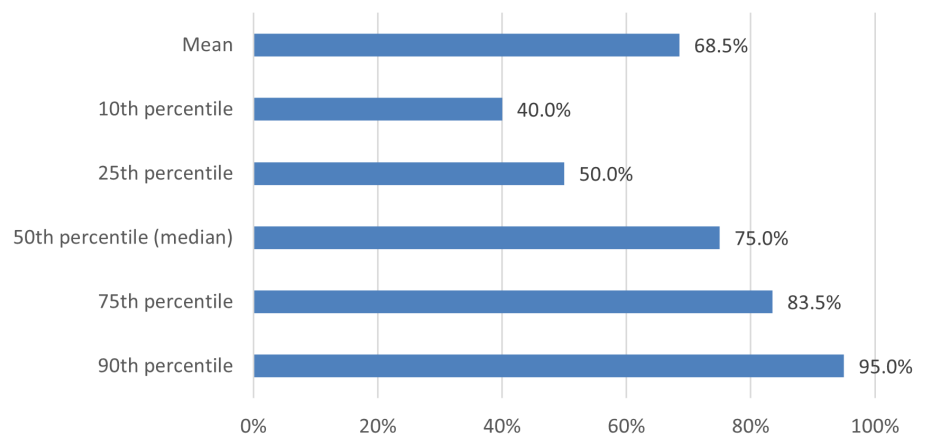
In 2022, keyboarding was required for 98.1 percent of registered nurses and was not required for 1.9 percent.

Performing work in low postures was required for 85.4 percent of registered nurses and was not required for 14.6 percent.

The choice to sit or stand when performing critical tasks was available to 19.9 percent of registered nurses.

On average, workers spent 31.5 percent of the workday sitting and 68.5 percent of the workday standing.

Chart 3. Registered nurses by percent of workday standing, 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey

Table 2. Percentage of registered nurses with physical demands, 2022

Requirement	Yes	No
Choice of sitting or standing	19.9	80.1
Driving	11.6	88.4
Climbing structure-related ramps or stairs	21.4	78.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Requirements Survey