

NWI Career Cluster Overview

Healthcare: Direct Patient Care Occupations



NWI Employment Locations	NWI Jobs Now (2019)	Projected NWI New Jobs through 2024	NWI Wage Range (excludes benefits)
1,859	18,876	1,678	\$8-\$52/hr

What would I be doing? Direct patient care occupations are the hands-on workers, from Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) to Registered Nurses, that provide direct care to patients. Examples of common responsibilities may include patient assessments, developing and implementing care plans, and maintaining medical records.

How much money could I be earning? Direct patient care occupations include a wide range of responsibilities, which is reflected in the range of hourly pay, from Personal Care Aides who earn up to \$12 an hour up to experienced Registered Nurses at \$52 an hour.

Where would I be working? Hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, doctors' offices, and in patients' homes.

Is this a growing field? This field is expected to grow 9% in Northwest Indiana through 2024 with 1,678 new jobs projected in the area.

What skills should I have? It's important to be able to talk with people easily and be sensitive to their physical and emotional needs as a patient. Being able to persuade, to follow instructions and routines exactly, and to communicate clearly are also valuable skills for those working in Direct Patient Care Occupations.



What education or training do I need? Some occupations are open to those with a high school diploma, most require some sort of postsecondary certification, and a few require an associate degree. WorkOne can help with training and scholarships so you can achieve your goal.

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Job Title	NWI Earnings Range	Education and/or Training Required	NWI Jobs (2019)
Registered Nurses (RNs)	\$27-\$52/hr	Associate degree	8,536
Physical Therapy Assistants	\$16-\$37/hr	Associate degree	302
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (LPNs)	\$20-\$33/hr	Postsecondary certificate	1,477
Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedics (EMTs)	\$12-\$37/hr	Postsecondary certificate	879
Community Health Workers	\$11-\$28/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short term OJT	359
Physical Therapy Aides	\$9-\$18/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short term OJT	154
Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs)	\$11-\$18/hr	Postsecondary certificate	3,382
Home Health Aides	\$10-\$16/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short term OJT	1,650
Personal Care Aides	\$8-\$12/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short term OJT	2,136

What else will my employer expect? According to our survey of 100 area employers, the top ten traits that they expect of their employees are:

1. Have a positive attitude
2. Work well with others
3. Follow directions
4. Show up on time
5. Recognize problems and find solutions
6. Manage time effectively
7. Apply good listening skills
8. Be honest and dependable
9. Pass a drug or background test
10. Dress properly and practice good grooming

Sounds great, so what's my next step? WorkOne NWI is your one-stop resource to move forward in your job search and career development, offering the tools and support you need including:

- Skills assessment
- Resume and cover letter writing assistance
- High school equivalency (HSE) prep and testing
- Training programs and workshops
- Access to training scholarships and grants

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