

NURSE PRACTITIONER



WHAT THEY DO

Nurse Practitioners (also known as NPs) are registered nurses with advanced knowledge, skills, and competencies. They perform comprehensive assessment, diagnosis (including the ordering and interpretation of tests), intervention (including the prescribing of medications), management, referral and evaluation of client care across the full continuum of health care services. NPs provide expert clinical care and work with a high degree of independence.

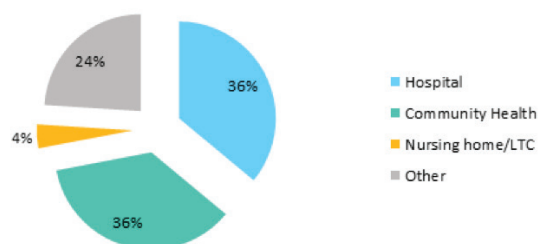
HOW THEY WORK

Nurse practitioners work in a variety of health care settings including hospitals, community health centres, primary care networks, continuing care facilities, clinics, urgent care centres, and within client homes. Some rural communities have NPs as their primary care provider. Particularly sought in rural communities are NPs with a focus on family or all-ages populations. NPs also play an important role and work in collaboration with other members of the health care team including physicians, nurses, therapists, technologists, administrative staff and managers.

TRAINING

To become a Nurse Practitioner, you must have obtained a Registered Nurse designation and then completed a Master of Nursing degree. The University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and Athabasca University all offer Nurse Practitioner training programs in Alberta. Nurse Practitioners are regulated by the College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta.

Employment Setting NPs



NPs in Alberta 2019 (CIHI Nursing Chart Book <https://www.cihi.ca/en/nursing-in-canada-2019>)

Type of Provider in Alberta 2019	All Regulated Nurses	Licensed Practical Nurses
SUPPLY	53,340	571
% CHANGE SINCE 2018	+1.9	+7.9
RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION	-	13
WORKING IN RURAL/REMOTE SETTINGS	12%	6.4%

VIDEO:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pl8LkQvLDvA&t=14s>

RESOURCES

REGULATORY BODY:

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta <https://www.nurses.ab.ca/>

NURSE PRACTITIONER ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA (NPAA): <https://albertanps.com/about-npaa/>

ALBERTA ALIS PROFILE:

<https://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo/occupations-in-alberta/occupation-profiles/nurse-practitioner/>

FACT SHEET:

https://www.cna-aiic.ca/-/media/cna/page-content/pdf-en/infographic_nurse-practitioners-untapped-resource.pdf?la=en&hash=E36EC8E8C06FE3F24A8529F039C5BD205D7C93AE