



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.

Cognitive and mental requirements

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

In 2021, verbal interactions were required constantly (every few minutes) for 35.1 percent of registered nurses, and were required not constantly, but more than once per hour for 63.4 percent.

Table 1. Percentage of registered nurses with cognitive and mental requirements, 2021

Requirement	Yes	No
Pace: Pause control	28.8	71.2
Interaction with general public	99.6	-
Work review: Supervising others	33.3	66.7
Work review: Presence of supervisor	64.9	35.1

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

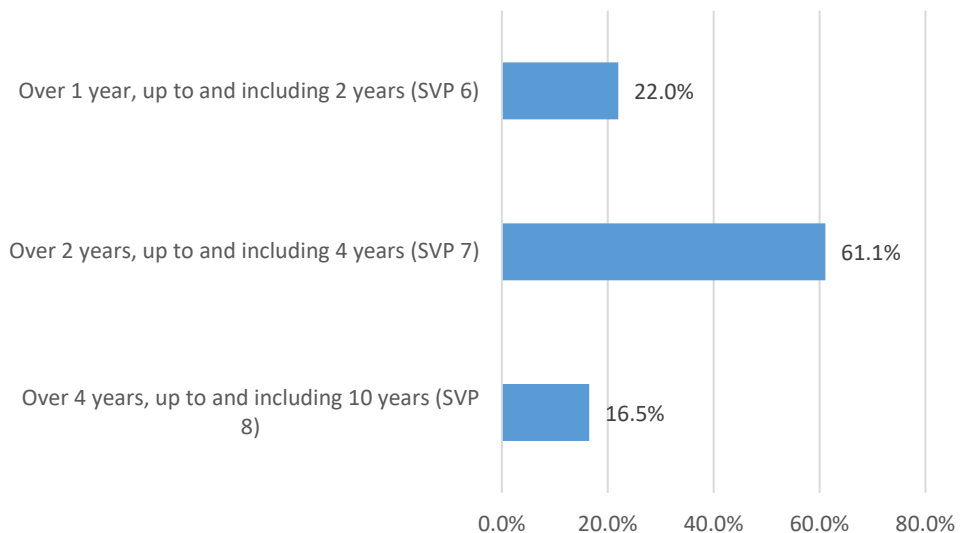
Education, training, and experience requirements

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

In 2021, credentials were required for 99.5 percent of registered nurses. Prior work experience was required for 48.3 percent, and on-the-job training was required for 71.9 percent.

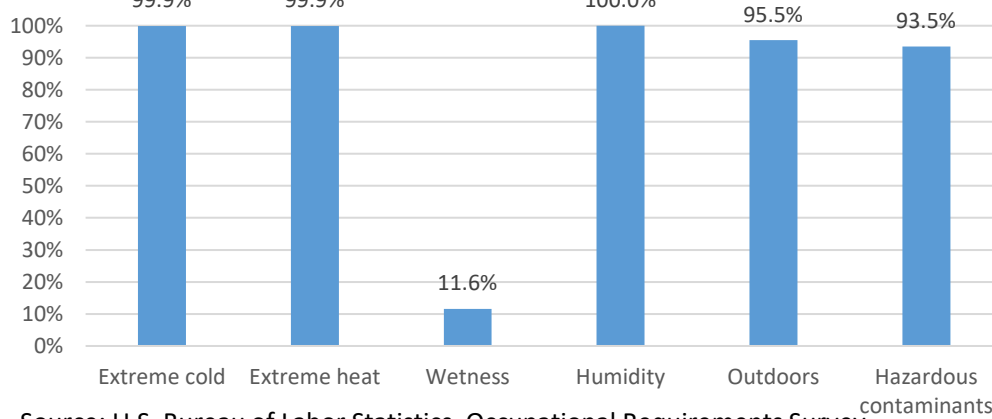
A bachelor's degree was required for 50.9 percent of registered nurses.

Chart 1. Percentage of registered nurses by specific preparation time (SVP) level, 2021



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

Chart 2. Percentage of registered nurses without exposure to environmental conditions, 2021



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 2021, a quiet noise exposure was present for 15.2 percent of registered nurses, and 84.8 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

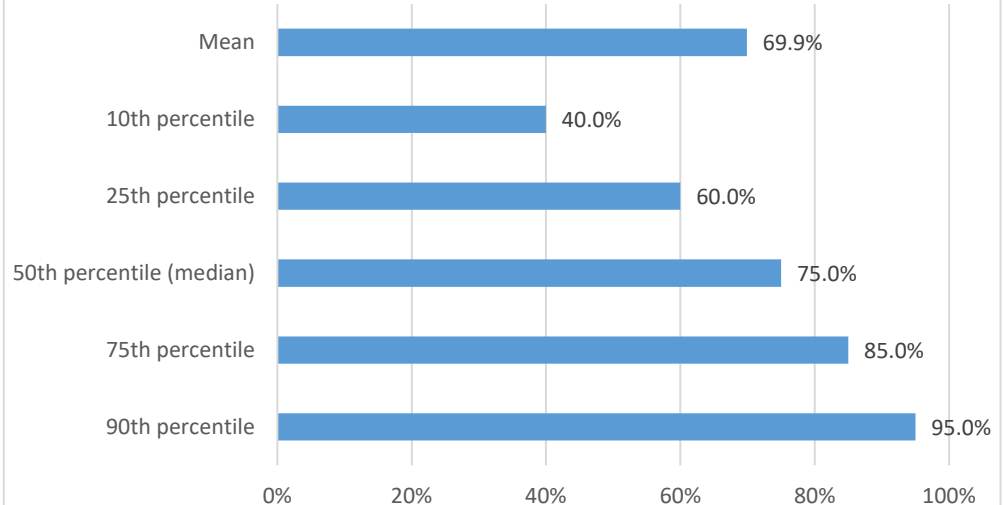
Refer to the physical activities required to perform tasks in jobs. The presence and, in some cases, duration of these activities are published.

In 2021, keyboarding was required for 98.4 percent of registered nurses and was not required for 1.6 percent.

Performing work in low postures was required for 86.8 percent of registered nurses and was not required for 13.2 percent. For 31.0 percent of workers, stooping was required to perform low work.

The choice to sit or stand when performing critical tasks was available to 21.3 percent of registered nurses. On average, workers spent 30.1 percent of the workday sitting and 69.9 percent of the workday standing.

Chart 3. Registered nurses by percent of workday standing, 2021



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

Table 2. Percentage of registered nurses with physical demands, 2021

Requirement	Yes	No
Choice of sitting or standing	21.3	78.7
Driving	9.5	90.5
Climbing structure-related ramps or stairs	20.8	79.2

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