Nurse Practitioners (NPs) manage both acute and chronic medical conditions in a wide variety of settings. NPs are qualified to diagnose and treat medical problems, perform advanced procedures, prescribe medication, and make referrals to different specialties. Depending upon the state you live, NPs may or may not be required to practice under the supervision of a Physician.

The main classifications of Nurse Practitioners are:

- Adult-A.N.P.
- Acute care-A.C.N.P.
- Gerontological-G.N.P.
- Family-F.N.P.
- Pediatric-P.N.P.
- Neonatal-N.N.P.
- Psychiatric-Mental Health-P.M.H.N.P.

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Why The Nursing Field?

Nursing is a career that invites you to participate in active care for people during their hardest times in life. There are a wide variety of options available for Nurses. Nursing degrees can take as little as 1-2 years to complete, or as many as 8 years to obtain a doctorate. There is a great need for nurses in almost any hospital in the world. Obtaining an R.N Licensure is a good starting point for the Nursing field. As an R.N. you are immersed into the world of healthcare with a lot of options for advancement. An R.N may later decide to go on to be a Nurse Anesthetist, a Nurse Midwife, a Nurse Practitioner, or a Nursing Educator.

“I’m not telling you it’s going to be easy. I’m telling you it’s going to be worth it.”
Art Williams

**How to Become a Nurse Practitioner:**

1. Obtain a Bachelors degree of Science in Nursing (BSN)
2. Pass the NCLEX exam
3. Obtain a Master’s or Doctorate degree of Science in Nursing
4. Pass the National Board Certification for Advanced Practice Nurses.

- Study Biology, Anatomy, and Chemistry
- Volunteer with hospitals, clinics, or overseas medical trips
- Find a Nurse Practitioner who you could possibly shadow.
- Look into doing dual enrollment at a local community college to complete Nursing School Pre-Requisites.
- Visit American Association of Nurse Practitioners website: http://www.aanp.org/

What Can I do now while in High School?