

NWI Career Cluster Overview

Healthcare: Direct Patient Care Occupations



NWI Employment Locations	NWI Jobs Now (2017)	Projected NWI New Jobs through 2022	NWI Wage Range (excludes benefits)
1,839	18,070	1,203	\$8-\$41/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 \$14 an hour up to experienced Registered Nurses at \$41 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 6.6% in Northwest Indiana through 2022 with 1,203 new job openings 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 (2017)
Registered Nurse (RN)	\$21-\$41/hr	Associate degree	7,532
Physical Therapy Assistant	\$13-\$36/hr	Associate degree	154
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurse (LPN)	\$15-\$25/hr	Postsecondary certificate	1,873
Emergency Medical Technician/ Paramedic (EMT)	\$12-\$27/hr	Postsecondary certificate	439
Community Health Worker	\$10-\$34/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short term OJT	113
Physical Therapy Aide	\$8-\$16/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short term OJT	88
Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)	\$8-\$15/hr	Postsecondary certificate	3,741
Home Health Aide	\$8-\$17/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short term OJT	1,077
Personal Care Aide	\$8-\$14/hr	High school diploma or HSE, short term OJT	3,053

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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