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# Children's nurse



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## About the role

Children's nurses care for sick, injured or disabled children and young people. They provide comfort and reassurance to patients and their parents or carers in difficult or stressful circumstances.

**“Children's nursing can be challenging and supporting families is very much part of the role. One minute you can be caring for a baby, the next a toddler and the next a teenager. It makes me feel proud I can make a difference to people's lives.”**

*– Staff nurse*

### Did you know?

There are over 46,800 registered nurses working in the NHS in Scotland.<sup>(1)</sup>

#### → You can get into this career through:

1. a Scottish Widening Access Programme (SWAP) course
2. an HNC Care and Administrative Practice course
3. an Open University programme
4. a nursing degree programme
5. a return to practice programme

#### ☆ Top skills:

- caring for people
- working in a team
- communicating with people
- problem-solving skills
- critical thinking skills
- helping people

When you've successfully completed an approved nursing degree programme, you can register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). If you're returning to practice as a nurse, you'll need to apply for readmission to the register at the end of your course.

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#### References:

1. ISD Scotland, NHSScotland workforce data, June 2019