Pediatric Nursing

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Why this career?

- Get to work with children
- Care for sick kids
- I would like to work in a doctor’s office
- I would like the daily routine
- I want to help families
- Nurses are paid well
Pediatric nursing career

- You can work in a doctor’s office, clinics, hospitals, surgical centers and other health care settings.
- You can also work as a school nurse.
- You care for children from birth through teen years.
- You collaborate closely with physicians.
I interviewed my cousin Jon in Dallas.

His pediatrician inspired him to be a pediatric nurse.

He wanted to help sick kids.

He always wanted to work in a hospital.

12 hours shifts at the hospital is the worst part.

- This makes me want to work at a doctor’s office.

Important personal traits for nurses:

- A servant's heart and be kind to families at their worst.
Education

- Most nurses need a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing
- 3 years on the job training in a medical setting:
  - Clinic, hospital, doctor’s office
- Most need to pass a Registered Nurse (RN) exam
- On the job training helps you care for the patient population correctly
- You learn how to identify when things are going wrong
Pediatric nurse salary

- It depends where you work
  - Pediatric nurses in a hospital earn more than school nurses
- Some jobs pay more than others
- A pediatric nurse earns between $63,000 and $98,000 per year
- RNs are paid more than non-registered nurses
How does the career relate to science?

- Medicine is based on science
- New scientific advances are used by nurses
- Nursing training is based on science
  - Need to take biology courses in college
- You better like science if you want to be a nurse!
What have you learned by researching this career

- I learned what pediatric nurses do
- I learned why my cousin chose to be a pediatric nurse
- I learned that I need to go to college to do this
- I learned how much money I can make
- I learned that pediatric nursing may be my career goal