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Why become a PNP?

- PNP s have greater autonomy than other pediatric nursing roles, and can even practice solo in many states.
- Average annual salary for nurse practitioners is $121,000*.
- Anticipated 52.2% employment growth in the next 10 years*.

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

What can you do now to prepare? Talk to your school nurse and career counselor about pediatric nursing for your future. Take science classes in school. Look for volunteer work or jobs involving children or adolescents.

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Where do PNPs work?

Primary Care Settings: Primary Care Practices, School-based Clinics, Public Health Clinics, Convenient and Urgent Care

Acute Care Settings: Hospitals, Emergency Departments, Pediatric Intensive or Critical Care, Subspecialty Teams

Check List

- Enjoy working with children
- Compassionate and kind
- Interest in science
- Commitment to lifelong learning
- Want to make a difference

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