



# Registered Nurse

*Registered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about various health conditions, and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members.*

HEALTH SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY  
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# career profile

Name: **Cynthia Beck**  
Job Title: **Director of Clinical Education/  
Registered Nurse**

Employer: **Springfield Clinic, LLP**

Education: **Bachelor of Science in Nursing—Benedictine University**

## What high school classes/extracurricular activities added value to your current employment?

Biology class was the biggest impact in high school. The strong foundation it created was beneficial when taking college level microbiology, chemistry and anatomy/physiology courses. Also, Medical Careers Club and the Medical Explorers through the American Scouting Council, opened opportunities to understand other careers in the medical field.



## What were your goals in college?

The St. John's School of Nursing program was very technically focused and my ultimate goal was to finish. This was an extremely difficult program that required clinical work plus college courses.

## What are your job responsibilities in your current position?

I oversee a staff of 6 nurses offering clinical orientation, certification classes, competency training and testing. We develop and present continuing nursing education as a state mandated requirement for maintaining licensure. In addition to education for nurses, we are an approved provider of continuing medical education for physicians.



## What is the greatest reward from your job?

As a clinical educator in the ambulatory care organization, we do not have any patient contact. Knowing our support, education and resources will make other nurses successful and improve a patient's experience is the reward we count on for continuing our mission.

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## Overview

Registered Nurses provide and coordinate patient care, as well as educate on various health conditions.

## High School Courses

Orientation to Health Occupations; Health Occupations Related Skills; Medical Terminology; Anatomy; Physiology; Nursing Assistant

## Experience Needed

Working as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) - optional

## Degree(s) Required

Bachelor's or Associate's Degree in Nursing or Diploma from an approved nursing program. State licensure after passing national exam (required). Certifications through professional associations and Master's or Doctoral Degrees (optional).

## Potential Employers

Hospital; Private Office/Clinic; Nursing/Residential Care Home; Home Health Care; Correctional Facility; School; Military

## Salary Range

\$48,436 — \$77,826

## Employment Outlook

10.5 % Job Growth  
3,382 Annual Job Openings (very high)  
Demand for nurses is going to be very strong.

## Professional Organizations

American Nurses Association (ANA)  
Illinois Society for Advanced Practicing Nurses (ISAPN)

## Want to Learn More?

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