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Plan B Career Information: Annotated Resource List

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Plan B Career Information

The Plan B career I chose was a pediatric nurse practitioner. To be able to have this career, I would first need to earn my bachelor's degree of science in nursing. Nurse practitioners are advanced practice registered nurses, meaning more schooling is necessary than that of just registered nurses. A master's degree must be obtained in addition to taking and passing a national certification exam and earning a state license. Nurse practitioners are able to work in a variety of places, such as hospitals, schools, clinics, and physician's offices. Depending on the state, however, most nurse practitioners work independently, but all consult with physicians and other health care professionals. The average salary for nurse practitioners is about \$95,000, with the expected job outlook to be 31%, which is much faster than normal.

The duties of nurse practitioners include, but are not limited to, diagnosing health problems and prescribing medication. In order to limit the number of children in hospitals and the amount of time spent there, nurse practitioners undertake health promotion and disease and illness prevention. With the care of pediatric nurse practitioners, children and families have had better hospital experiences. Families are now more knowledgeable and more confident in providing care for less serious illnesses in the home. Now, more than ever, the usual hierarchy of leadership in the medical field is stepping back to a more community inspired way of working, where equal teams are more effective than just a physician leading. Nurse practitioners are just as needed as physicians and administrative staff.

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Internet Resources

Baker, B.I., Baker, E.S., Gabor, M.R., Ivanchev, Y., Leith, L.H., Leon, C.B., Roach, J.C., Soyars, M., & Titkemeyer, J. (2014, January 8). *Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Midwives, and Nurse Practitioners*. Retrieved from <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/nurse-anesthetists-nurse-midwives-and-nurse-practitioners.htm>

This source provides the basic information about nurse practitioners. The information provided allows the reader to more fully understand what nurse practitioners do, how they work, how much they get paid, and anything basic needed to know about the profession. If searching for possible careers to go into, this source would be very helpful in comparing different professions.

Society of Pediatric Nurses. (2006, July). *Becoming a Pediatric Nurse*. Retrieved from <http://www.pedsnurses.org/p/cm/ld/fid=26>

This source gives more in depth information about pediatric part of being a nurse practitioner. If you want to become a pediatric nurse practitioner, the same schooling is required as a regular

nurse practitioner, but you need to take a national exam to become a PNP. This source allows the reader to know the specifics of pediatrics in nursing, along with the general aspects.

Scholarly Journal Articles

Reisman, A. (2013, November 5). Taking One for the Team. *Annals of Internal Medicine*. pp. 640-641.

This article lets the reader know the importance of health professions working together. It allows the reader to realize the different people he or she would be working with in the medical field if he or she were to be a nurse practitioner. This article also informs the reader of how the successful “team-based care” for patients is more beneficial to both the patients and medical professionals.

Fierz, K., Gennaro, S., Dierickx, K., Achterberg, T., Morin, K.H., & Geest, S. (2014). Scientific Misconduct: Also an Issue in Nursing Science?. *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, 46(4), 271-280. doi: 10.1111/jnu. 12082

This article informs the reader, who could possibly be a future nursing student, about the unethical behavior occurring in nursing science. When talking about the prevalence of falsifying data and plagiarism, possible future nursing students can understand the reasons behind why the nursing program can be so rigorous. Scientific misconduct in the nursing field compromises the integrity of nursing science, which can lead to possible endangerment of patients. After reading this, possible nurses can eliminate the causes of this misconduct and be aware of it in others.

Reference Source

Nursing. (2014). In *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Retrieved from <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/422718/nursing>

This encyclopedia entry for nursing tells you everything you would need to know about nursing, from the history to the different forms of nursing to the education requirements. This would be the best way to get all information needed about nursing, especially if researching possible careers. This entry shows how important nurses are, and have been for ages, around the world.

Book Source

Ward, H. (2010). Global Health and Future Challenges. In E.M. Sullivan-Marx, D.O. McGivern, J.A. Fairman, S.A. Greenberg (Eds.), *Nurse Practitioners: The Evolution and Future of Advanced Practice (5th ed.)* (pp. 337-342). New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company.

This chapter in this book allows the reader to gather information about the future for nurse practitioners. It states that understanding the challenges that nurses face today will help ensure the understanding of future problems in the field. If going into the field of nursing and looking to

pursue an advanced degree in nursing, then this part of this book is a good way to expect what is to come in the future of nursing.