

# frequently asked questions



## Where do NPs work?

NPs work in a variety of health care settings, such as:

### Community care

community clinics, health care centres, physicians' offices, patients' homes

### Long-term care

nursing homes

### Hospitals

outpatient clinics, emergency rooms, and other patient areas

### NP-led clinics

## What is the role of the nurse practitioner?

NPs begin their career as registered nurses, meaning they share many of the same approaches to patient care as RNs.

NPs have added training and education that allows them to diagnose, prescribe and perform procedures. NPs fulfill an invaluable role in providing primary care and other sectors.

## What is the job market like for NPs?

With an increasing demand for health care providers and services across Canada, there has been significant growth in the number of NP positions in most provinces.

Not only are there jobs available in primary care, but there's an increasing number of positions for NPs in areas such as long-term care, women's health, pediatrics, emergency, neonatal care, and other specialties.

## Why would I want to see a Nurse Practitioner for my health care?

Here are just a few reasons:

- People who see NPs for their health care often have **fewer emergency room visits, shorter hospital stays** and **lower medication costs**
- NPs have been shown to provide **safe, comprehensive, and cost-effective** health care services equal to family physicians
- NPs place a significant focus on **teaching patients about their health conditions and treatment recommendations**. They can often spend more time with patients than other providers