NURSING

Employment of registered nurses is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2021, and, because the occupation is very large, many new jobs will result. Growth will be driven by technological advances in patient care, which permit a greater number of medical problems to be treated, and by an increasing emphasis on preventive care. Employment is expected to grow more slowly in hospitals, which comprise health care’s largest industry, than in most other health care industries because patients are being discharged earlier (which will increase the number of patients going to in home care, residential care facilities) and more procedures are being done on an outpatient basis. More sophisticated procedures are being done in physician’s offices and in outpatient care centers. Employment in nursing care facilities is expected to grow faster than average because of increases in the number of elderly, many of whom require long-term care. Employment in home health care is expected to increase rapidly in response to the growing number of older persons with functional disabilities, growing rates of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity; consumer preference for care in the home, and technological advances that make it possible to bring increasingly complex treatments into the home.

Employment Information

**Greater Kansas City Area:** In 2016, registered nurses held an estimated 22,363 jobs in the fifteen counties that make up the Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), with 24,665 projected by 2021 (+10%).

**State:** Registered nurses held an estimated 28,570 jobs in Kansas in 2016, with 31,291 jobs projected by 2021 (+10%). All together 2,721 openings are anticipated due to the need for replacements.

**National:** Registered nurses held 2,941,559 jobs in 2016, with 3,197,082 jobs projected by 2021 (+9%). Approximately 255,523 openings are expected due to growth and the need for replacement workers.

Salary Information

**Greater Kansas City Area:** Registered nurses employed in the Greater Kansas City area earned an average hourly wage of $30.28 in 2016.

**State:** Registered nurses in Kansas earned an average hourly wage of $26.64 in 2016.

**National:** Registered nurses working full-time earned an average hourly wage of $33.67 in 2016.

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JCCC Placement and Salary Information

The JCCC Office of Institutional Research conducts a follow-up study of program completers one year after completion. One-hundred percent of the graduates who responded to the follow-up study conducted during 2015-16, and were employed, were employed in a related field and reported earning an average hourly wage of $23.88.

Note: Salary Information for Greater Kansas City, State, and National is based on EMSI 2016 third quarter data. JCCC information for career program completers is based on data supplied by respondents to follow-up studies and is not necessarily representative of all career program completers. Other sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics