

What Is Virtual Nursing?



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What is a Virtual Nurse ?

According to [nursingworld.org](https://www.nursingworld.org), Virtual nurses can support the team at the bedside to alleviate the workload and provide greater satisfaction for both the patients and the nursing staff. With included tasks such as admission database, discharge teaching, medication reconciliation, completing procedure checklists, second nurse sign off for meds/skin checks, general education/teaching for the patients, contacting families, answering questions, and the list goes on.

Virtual nurses complete their tasks by using two way visual and audio technology via the patients TV in their hospital rooms.

Example of virtual nursing: Click the link below to learn more!

[Vanderbilt University Medical Center has started its first virtual nurse program](#)

Virtual nurses can work 3 /12 hour shifts as well and day and night. Working these shifts keeps virtual nurses available 24/7 for patients and the bedside nursing staff.

Where Do Virtual Nurses Practice and Certifications

Virtual nurses are usually seen caring for patients virtually in the hospital setting. As of now most virtual nurses can be seen on medical surgical units as well as in the ICU. Virtual nursing is still being trialed on these units to measure their effectiveness to be implemented hospital wide.

Virtual nurses have the ability to work remotely. VNs can work from home or call centers to deliver patient care. A lot of nurses appreciate the remote aspect as it allows for more flexibility and improves work life balance.

Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses has introduced a new certification for nurses working in virtual acute care settings – the Certified Acute-Care Virtual Registered Nurse (CAVRN). This certification recognizes the unique competencies required for nurses who provide remote acute care support to bedside teams. To be eligible for the CAVRN exam, candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Hold an active, unrestricted RN license in the United States or its territories.
2. Have a minimum of 1,000 hours of experience in virtual acute care nursing practice within the last two years.

Nurses interested in applying for the CAVRN certification can find more information, including the certification handbook and application details, on the AMSN website at <https://amsn.org/Certification/Earn-Your-CAVRN>. Earning the CAVRN credential demonstrates expertise in virtual acute care nursing and a commitment to professional development in this innovative area of healthcare delivery. It communicates competence and qualifications to peers, employers, and patients.

The Impact on Patient Care

According to [PSnet](#) (Patient Safety Network) after the implementation of virtual nursing for two years quality measures from the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators showed low incidence of catheter-associated urinary tract infections, pressure injuries, deep vein thrombosis, and central-line associated blood

stream infection. In terms of patient safety, the VIC (Virtual Integrated Care) model was associated with about 1,400 good catches, or avoided errors, during each quarter.

According to an interview from Healthcare IT with Dr. Shayan Vyas, senior vice president at Teladoc Health says that “ Some lesser-known benefits of virtual nursing are a differentiated and improved patient experience, with potential associated improvements to patient satisfaction and HCAHPS and NPS scores. Patients also are seeing a significant improvement in satisfaction as they no longer have to pull a bedside staff member to help answer questions or assist with administrative documentation.”

According to a white paper by [Amwell](#) virtual nurses at UPMC, in a 16 month span were able to perform 1,366 discharges in a remote capacity, saving inpatient nurses over **19 days of time** that would have previously been spent discharging patients in person. Not only did the program save nurses a huge chunk of time, but their patient population was also incredibly satisfied with the remote nurses and the level of care they received virtually.

Virtual Nurse Impact on Nursing Practice

The nursing shortage is a major challenge facing the healthcare industry. Virtual nursing can help to address this challenge by providing nurses with more flexibility and allowing them to work from anywhere.

Look what Sarah Brown, RN , MSN , CMPE, NEA-BC, chief nursing officer at Unity Point Health had to say about one of their nurses transitioning to virtual nursing. “Our virtual nursing program has become a great retention tool that keeps our seasoned nurses’ knowledge and expertise within the organization and helps grow a new generation of nurses. For example, one of our nurses who has been here for 20 years moved from our acute rehab department to the virtual nursing program, beginning a whole new era of her career. She is engaged and excited and uses all the wisdom and experience she has built over the years. It’s a perfect option for those with much to contribute to nursing, but perhaps in a way that does not require them to be physically at the bedside.

Virtual nursing is the future of bedside nursing. It will be a major key in retaining seasoned nurses as mentioned above and help improve patient safety as well as

nurse satisfaction.

NursiConnect and Virtual Nurse Staffing and Training

NursiConnect is a remote nurse staffing agency on a mission to preserve the nursing workforce through remote work. We currently staff virtual nurses, psych NPs and remote nurse case managers. If you are interested in any of these roles please submit your resume through the link below. You will be applying for general consideration as we do not have open roles at this time!

[APPLY HERE](#)

Remote Nurse Training

NursiConnect is also dedicated to supporting the professional development of our remote nurses. We have launched a continuing education program consisting of 3 new courses

- Inpatient virtual nurse training
- AI in nursing training
- Psych NP guide to transition to remote work

If you are interested in Inpatient Virtual Nursing the training course is now available!

[Click here to enroll](#)

Some of these courses are still in beta and working to be developed if you would like to be notified when these courses launch [click here!](#)

Stay connected!

If you enjoy remote nursing content check out the NursiConnect Podcast. Hear remote nurses share their journeys from in-person to virtual roles and get tips on making the transition. It's an insightful listen for anyone curious about this growing field. [Listen here](#)



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