

CAREER PROFILE

on a Registered Nurse



Nina is a graduate of a local high school and the University of St. Francis. She is now working at a Will County Health Care Facility.

We ask a working professional,

Nina Sritragul

■ What kind of people make the best nurses?

"The best nurses are holistic - being able to apply their knowledge of medicine and their compassion for people at the same time."

■ Why did you choose the profession?

"I had originally been a biology major at a large university. My mom became critically ill and I spent a lot of time in the hospital with her. It was there that I was so impressed with the importance and professionalism of the nursing staff that I turned my focus to this career."

■ What's the best part of the job?

"Almost every day you get to make a difference in someone's life. Being part of a caring team of like-minded professionals is a real joy. I have to say that the compensation and benefits are good, too - and wherever you might move you'll always find a job."

■ What's the downside of the job?

"Some rotations require early mornings or late evening hours - but you learn to adapt."

■ What educational path did you follow?

"Several professionals I had talked to recommended the St. Francis nursing program in Joliet. An out-of-state friend who had just transferred there said her credits had transferred and the process was easy."

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