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Florida Nursing Jobs Perfect For Snowbirds

By Rita Henry

Snowbirds. To a Florida native, it used to be a derisive term for those retirees that flood the Florida

coast when the winters turn cold up North - but these days, snowbirds are being viewed a little differently. Many staffing agencies and medical facilities are deliberately hiring snowbirds to help fill their seasonal staffing needs. In many cities in Florida, the need for nurses fluctuates with the season, creating spikes in the available Florida nursing jobs during the best times to visit Florida.

This is good news for registered nurses who are looking for a change of pace, or just a warm place to hang their hats during the cold winter months. September through April is prime time for travel nursing assignments in Florida, and there are hundreds of positions that need to be filled during those months. The assignments include nearly every specialty in the medical field, including nurse practitioners, licensed practical and vocational nurses and nurse therapists in a variety of areas. Nurses with experience in gerontology are especially in demand, as are those that can be flexible about scheduling and job preference.

Because the increase in Florida nursing jobs is cyclical, many health care giants in the hospital industry have started skipping the agency middleman and now provide their own "snowbird programs." An employee of one major national hospital company may choose to spend six months of the year working for a hospital in Rhode Island to be near family, then `retire' to Florida for six months and work in a Miami hospital when the northern winds blow.

What sorts of Florida nursing jobs are available for snowbirds? Just about any type of nursing job you can imagine. Most jobs require a current license, and one to two years of current experience. There are Florida nursing jobs available in ER, med and surgical floors, trauma units and ob-gyn. If you prefer to work outside a hospital setting, Florida offers nursing jobs in outpatient medical management, home care, hospice care and residential nursing care. With its multitude of theme parks, you'll even find Florida nursing jobs on site for such well known names as Disney, Busch Gardens and Six Flags. There are nursing jobs available in Miami, Orlando, St. Petersburg, Pensacola, Daytona Beach, Kissimmee, Jacksonville - and that's just a few of the many cities that have open Florida nursing jobs.

Florida Nursing Jobs Perfect For Snowbirds

Florida is easily one of the most popular destinations for travel nurses, but there are also many positions for full-time year round nurses in the Sunshine State. If living in the sunniest state in the Union appeals to you, then take a look at what a Florida nursing job can offer you.

–Salaries increasing steadily in the past five years –Steady employment and job security –Flexible shifts and scheduling –Beautiful weather year round –The opportunity to work with world-class practitioners in all fields and specialties

Whether you just want a vacation from your everyday job, a recurring seasonal position or a permanent, full time career, you'll find what you're looking for among the wide open range of Florida nursing jobs.

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Registered Nursing Jobs: In Any Setting, Nurses Care

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By the year 2020, the United States will face a nursing shortage of 800,000 unfilled registered nursing jobs - and very few of those jobs are in traditional hospital settings. These days, a registered nursing job is as likely to take you into a laboratory or someone's living room as it is to put you at bedside in the recovery room. If you're just starting your career in nursing, or looking to make a change, take a look at some of the non-traditional settings that have registered nursing jobs available.

Home Health Registered Nursing Jobs

Home health care is one of the fastest growing sectors of the nursing profession. As hospitals and insurance companies struggle to lower the costs of delivering care, they've found that providing nursing care in the home makes more than financial sense. Most patients improve faster when they're in the familiar setting of their own home. Registered nursing jobs that involve home health care include geriatric nursing, visiting nurse jobs and community health nursing. Some popular home health registered nursing jobs include:

– Newborn visiting nurses make home calls on new mothers who have just been released from the hospital. They offer suggestions and assess physical and medical needs of both mother and child.

– Visiting chronic care nurses help keep patients at home who only require a few hours of skilled nursing care per day or week. They may change feeding tubes or start intravenous medications, assess medical needs or change dressings after surgery.

– Early intervention nurses work with families who have young children with medical needs at home. An

EI nurse can make the difference between keeping a child at home or choosing institutionalization.

Occupational Health Registered Nursing Jobs

Occupational health is a growing field, and there are many different positions for registered nurses within it. An occupational health nurse may do initial assessments and physical examinations on site, assess medical needs if someone is injured on the job site or provide medical information and advice to employees of a company.

Public Health Registered Nursing Jobs

Do you dream of making a difference on a wide scale? Public health nurses are often involved in making policies that affect the population of entire cities and states. Among the options for work available in the public sector for nurses are:

- Clinic nurses do hands on patient care in a clinic setting. Registered nurses and nurse practitioners deliver care and advice to families and patients on nutrition, health, preventive care, birth control and medical care.
- Nurses working for the Department of Health may be involved in infectious disease control, monitoring compliance with health guidelines and consulting on medical policies for hospitals and other medical facilities.

School Nursing Jobs

School nurses work on site to help manage the medical needs of students. These days the school nurse may float from campus to campus, or be assigned to one school. Many schools now offer on site clinics for students, and a nurse working in a school clinic may be a student's primary health contact. They're responsible for doing emergency care, assessing medical needs and providing family contact points for school students.

Hospice Registered Nursing Jobs

Unlike traditional nursing homes, hospices offer round the clock skilled nursing in a homelike setting. Hospice nursing jobs offer the opportunity for a registered nurse to provide a personal touch to severely ill and terminal patients in a less clinical setting. Hospice nurses work under the supervision of doctors, but often have far more autonomy in making medical decisions.

A nursing career opens so many doors that it's impossible to fit them all into a brief overview. For more information on registered nursing jobs and career opportunities, visit the Bureau of Labor Statistics web site.

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