

Quality Improvement Nurses



A quality nurse focuses on improving quality and safety of care in health systems. They use outcome data to identify clinical areas that need improvement, then identify gaps in processes or behaviors that can be addressed by leading teamwork to achieve clinical excellence. They use evidence-based practice, principles of patient-centered care, and science-supported improvement processes to provide innovative pathways to enhance patient safety and care outcomes.



Loves using prevention bundles



Passionate about patient safety



Knowledgeable about clinical care

Keywords

- Hospital-acquired condition rates
- Evidence-based practice
- Change leader
- Outcomes Improvement
- Detail-oriented

Career Steps

1

Obtain your BSN and strongly consider obtaining a Master's Degree in Nursing with a focus on quality, leadership, or safety.

2

Obtain your nursing degree as a registered nurse (RN) and pass the NCLEX exam. Obtain your RN license through your State Board of Nursing and begin practicing in pediatrics.

3

Seek your Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN) credential from PNCB when you meet eligibility. As you grow in your pediatric care role, become familiar with the institution's nursing policies, procedures, and standards of practice.

4

Seek out professional development opportunities offered by your organization, such as courses, certificate programs, or certification in QI and safety.

5

Gain experience by participating in committees focused on preventing hospital-acquired conditions, participate in event drill downs or reviews, or become a unit-based champion for a safety issue.



Links for further reading

- <https://nahq.org/credentials/cphq-certified-professional-in-healthcare-quality/>



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