



Clinical Nurse Specialists: Leading Change for Healthier Lives

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## What is a clinical nurse specialist?

A clinical nurse specialist is an advanced practice registered nurse who holds a graduate nursing degree and has advanced education and training in a specialized area of nursing practice, like population (e.g. pediatrics), type of problem (e.g. wound care), setting (e.g. Intensive Care Unit), type of care (e.g. rehabilitation), or disease (e.g. diabetes).

CNSs work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, private practice, and clinics.

## What does a clinical nurse specialist do?

Clinical nurse specialists provide diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing management of patients. They also provide expertise and support to nurses caring for patients at the bedside, help drive practice changes throughout the organization, ensure the use of best practices and evidence-based care to achieve the best possible patient outcomes and assess and evaluate health care interventions to improve health care delivery and outcomes.

## Who are the clinical nurse specialists at [INSTITUTION NAME]?

[Institution Name] has [X] clinical nurse specialists. They work in [insert additional details].

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