Registered Nurses (RNs) are professionals in the healthcare field who are licensed by the state to provide direct care to patients. Individuals who have attained the RN title are graduates of a formal program of nursing education and are responsible for providing direct care to patients and for assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating nursing care of the sick and injured.

As members of the largest healthcare occupation in the US, RNs require more training and have a higher degree of responsibility than other general classes of nurse. Nursing Assistants perform a variety of hands-on duties and tasks focused on the care of patients in facilities such as hospitals, nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and health centers. Other titles for individuals in this profession include hospital attendant, nursing aide, nurse aide, patient care technician, geriatric aide, and orderly. The title, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) applies to individuals who have met state certification requirements to work in skilled nursing facilities, and most especially in facilities that accept Medicare residents.

Specific duties and tasks performed by an individual in this profession depend on their experience and training, and the type of healthcare facility in which they work. Regardless however, it is the Nursing Aide whom a patient sees most often on any given day. And, most especially for nursing home patients, it is the Aide with whom they very often form a close bond. When one considers all that an Aide does both for and with a patient, it is no wonder that a personal attachment is formed.

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