

**Meta Title: Learn More About Aesthetic Nursing**

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**H1: Guide to Aesthetic Nursing**

## **What Is an Aesthetic Nurse?**

Aesthetic nurses can also be referred to as injectors or are also referred to as cosmetic nurses. This special group of nurses is registered with their state boards after graduation from, at minimum, a two-year college and has passed their state boards to practice as registered nurses. Aesthetic nurses provide care in a very specialized niche field of medicine that has yet to earn a distinct registration; however, it falls under the plastics and dermatology line of care. Although an aesthetic nurse practices a softer side of medicine outside of the hustle and bustle of a hospital, this practice is still medicine, and rules and laws apply to the scope of the course by the state boards of nursing and therapy. This special group of nurses provides services to their patients that reduce the signs of aging and/or disfigurement, enhancing the patient's overall appearance. This nursing field is not about vanity; better yet, aesthetic nurses can help restore their patient's self-worth and provide them with the confidence needed to succeed in their daily lives. Aesthetic nurses must seek specialized training before entering the field of aesthetic medicine. The field of aesthetics is wide and varied and not limited to Botox and facial filler; the industry includes laser skin treatments, liposuction, tattoo removal, aesthetic surgery, and so much more.

## **How Do I Become an Aesthetic?**

Once a nurse has acquired the proper licensure within their practice state and purchased special liability insurance, they must take a special program just for the art and science of neurotoxins and facial fillers. Nurses with four-year degrees will have an easier time finding a job in this field, given the extensive knowledge needed to perform the treatments and manage complications and a variety of patient personalities. Ideally, a nurse will want to find a job in an aesthetic office, such as a dermatologist, plastic surgeon, or aesthetic medical practice. Investigating the training program is of the utmost importance when choosing a program. Courses should be accredited by the board of nursing and the board of medicine. The accreditation process will allow you to earn CEUs for the training required to renew your nursing license. There are certificates of completion and certificates of competency. You will want to seek an accredited course that offers a certificate of competency. This way, your patients can be confident they are in the hands of a highly specialized competent provider.

## **What Does an Aesthetic Nurse Do?**

An aesthetic nurse will deliver specialized treatments such as Botox and Facial Fillers, including lip filler. Beyond filler and Botox injections, aesthetic nurses will perform chemical peels, laser skin rejuvenation, microneedling, laser hair removal, photo rejuvenation, sclerotherapy, tattoo removal, and even hydrafacials. An aesthetic nurse's treatment addresses a physical or emotional

patient concern. Nurses may not work independently and must have oversight by a Nurse Practitioner or a Physician.

### **What Are the Educational Requirements to Become an Aesthetic Nurse?**

An aesthetic nurse must first earn their Associate's or Bachelor's degree and then successfully pass the NCLEX\_RN examination process. After successful completion of the NCLEX-RN examination process, the nurse should then seek out training from an accredited aesthetic training company that is registered with their state as a training company.

### **What is an Aesthetics Nurses Salary?**

As of Jan 7, 2023, the average annual pay for a full-time EXPERIENCED aesthetic nurse in the United States is \$90,602 yearly. This is equivalent to \$43.56 an hour, \$1,742/week, or \$7,550/month. A new aesthetic nurse can expect to enter the competitive market on the lower side, given the amount of money the company has to spend to help nurture the new aesthetic nurse. Training in the first year is easy, \$20-30K first year. New aesthetic nurses can anticipate starting at \$50,500, while some may competitively begin to earn around \$73,000. According to Zip Recruiter, the average pay range for an aesthetic nurse varies considerably, by as much as \$32,000, which suggests there may be many opportunities for advancement and increased pay based on skill level, location, and years of experience along with aesthetic nurses willingness and ability to invest in their own career matching the investment of the employer. An aesthetic nurse that does not invest in themselves will have failed to launch and lack value in the overall growth of the business.

### **How Long Does it Take to Become an Aesthetic Nurse?**

There is no regulated process for entry into the aesthetic industry; therefore, a registered nurse can apply for any job to become an aesthetic nurse immediately after successfully passing their NCLEX-RN examination. The literature for successful entry suggests that a nurse should work at the bedside for a minimum of two years before taking an accredited program to become an aesthetic nurse.

### **Do I need to have a Medical Director?**

Yes, a nurse must have a medical director as a registered nurse cannot legally perform the initial assessment of a patient, diagnose or prescribe only Nurse Practitioners and Physicians (most recently, some states have granted prescriptive authority to physician's assistants). A thorough understanding of a nurse's scope of practice is critical in safe practices. Currently, many states have very loose regulations with many gray areas on what a medical director looks like in terms of defining characteristics in the court of law. Several cases will act as the basis for penalties surrounding the idea of an absent medical director. Be sure you have all of your contracts in place created with your legal team. Any questions should be directed at your local state board of nursing, your local state board of medicine, and the board of Pharmacology.

### **What type of Insurance Does an Aesthetic Nurse Need?**

An aesthetic nurse needs to have basic malpractice insurance. In addition, they must request to add on each specialty aesthetic service they provide.

We recommend Professional Insurance Solutions 1-888317-4689, [ben@psisolutionspro.com](mailto:ben@psisolutionspro.com).

For more information regarding launching your career as an aesthetic nurse, visit our website at [www.dccmacademy.com](http://www.dccmacademy.com), or you may email [info@dccmacademy.com](mailto:info@dccmacademy.com).

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