

## Ten Tips for Nursing Agencies' Jobs

Great nursing agency and HCA jobs are more in demand than ever before - particularly for staff who want to work at the times and locations of their choice, says Ambition 24hours, which was the UK's first 24-7 medical staffing agency.

Agency work with a reputable agency offers opportunities for nurses who want extra shifts and pay or need to balance their work-life commitments because they have young family for example.

[Ambition 24hours](#) offers this advice for getting the most from nursing agency work:-

- a) First, register with several nursing agencies: to increase your opportunities for work, you can register through the Ambition 24hours web site just once to work for five different agencies
- b) At registration, ensure you provide all the information that's required: Ambition 24hours provides a detailed list of documents you will need to supply – and meets with all candidates locally to help them complete the registration process. Initial registration should always be started on-line through the [Ambition 24hours](#) web site. Documents required include: a completed CRB; a detailed Ambition 24hours application form; and job references.
- c) Ensure your registrations is current: once you have registered with the nursing agency, ensure that your annual certifications are up to date – whether for training, CRB or other requirements
- d) Are you a specialist nurse, ICU, PICU or SCBU trained for example? There is high demand for specialist nurses in many regions. Current certificates are essential as proof of your speciality, so Ambition 24hours can match your qualifications with relevant work. Also, if you do specialist training on an annual basis in your permanent job - such as Ventilator, Tracheostomy, IV administration – please inform the agency.
- e) Let the agency know when you are free to work: Ambition 24hours's on-line web diary enables nurses and HCAs to confirm when they are available. It's worth updating the diary at least every week. Be flexible: if Ambition 24hours knows that you will accept work at short notice - or will work some evenings, weekends or Bank Holidays - you will get more, higher-paying shifts
- f) Stay in touch: find out which agency consultants deal with the area where you want to work. E-mail the names of the towns and hospitals. Ambition 24hours's consultants are there to help, and when they get to know you and the type of work you want, it will increase work opportunities
- g) Social Media: it's worth registering for Ambition 24hours's [Facebook](#) and Twitter pages so that you are up to date on agency news and job opportunities – you can see details too at the web site
- h) Complaints: feedback is always welcome. Let Ambition 24hours know if there is anything with which you are unhappy or could be done differently - or issues you have in the workplace. Good agencies are grateful for feedback
- i) Tell a friend: if you have nursing friends who are interested in agency work, then telling them about the agency is helpful for feedback and communication. Visit Ambition 24hours' Facebook and click on 'Like' or visit the web address: [www.Ambition 24hours.co.uk](http://www.Ambition24hours.co.uk)
- j) Consider your career: are you looking for specific types of work or experience? If you are, do discuss this with your Ambition 24hours consultant, as the agency may be able to help, if you meet the standards required by clients for relevant shifts

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