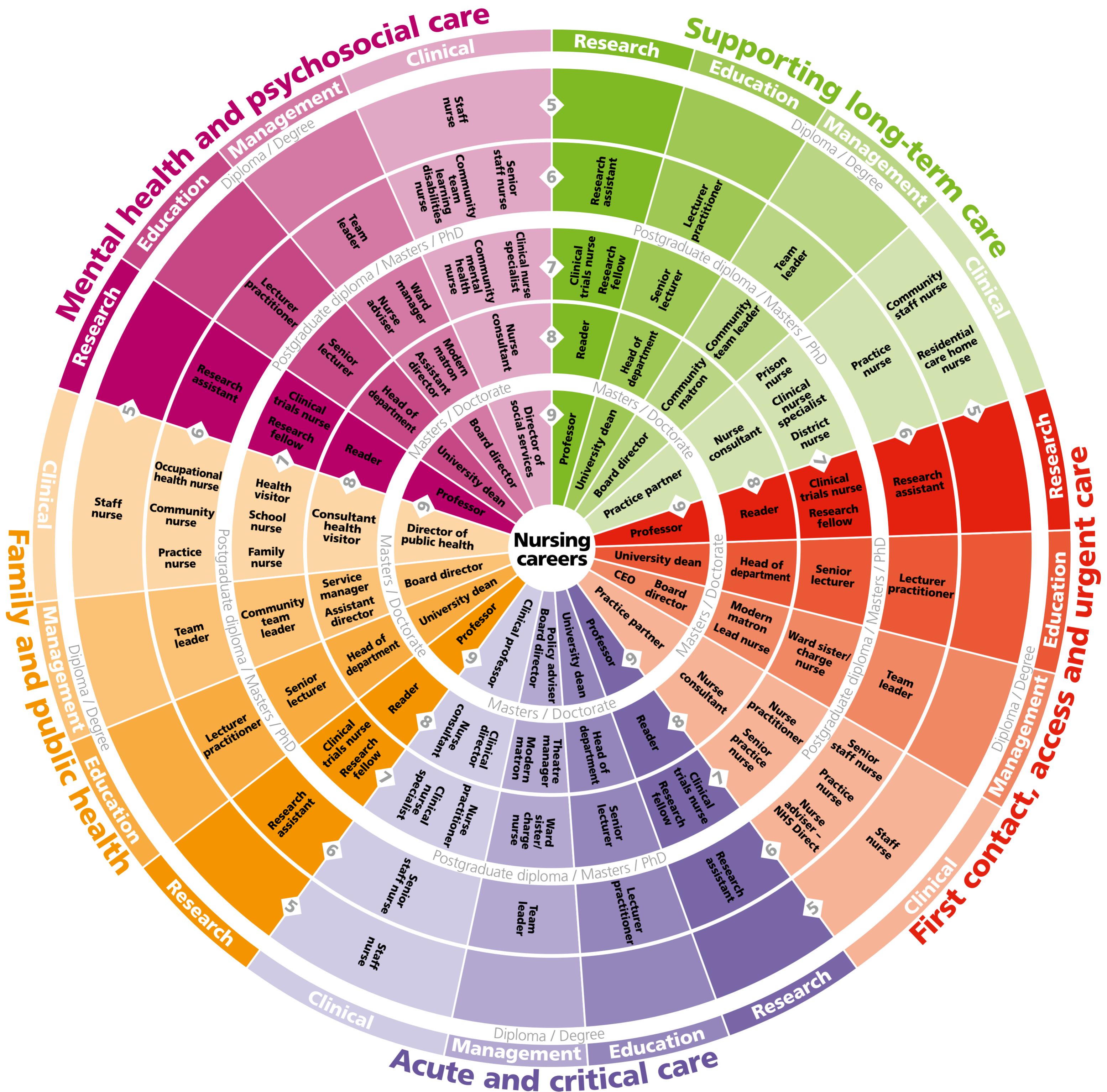


# Care for your future in nursing



Nursing offers so many opportunities for professional development, personal satisfaction, education and achievement. Whether you're just starting out or planning your next career move, the potential is wide-ranging and ever-changing. For more information, visit [www.nhscareers.nhs.uk](http://www.nhscareers.nhs.uk)



## Find your own career path

Nurses no longer work mainly in hospitals. Your career could take you into people's homes, community clinics, workplaces, schools, prisons, nursing homes and rehab centres. You could provide care in many different pathways, from public health to critical care, and help children, young people, adults or older people to manage their physical or mental health. And you might work beyond the NHS in social care or for a private company or charity. Wherever your career takes you, the emphasis will always be on promoting health and illness prevention.

## Move up and around

Once registered as a nurse, you've already reached level 5 as a healthcare practitioner on the NHS Career Framework. You will undergo preceptorship to develop your confidence and soon become a preceptor or mentor yourself. As you progress, you might move into management, research or education, or else become a clinical specialist.

- Level 5 – Practitioner
- Level 6 – Senior practitioner
- Level 7 – Advanced practitioner
- Level 8 – Consultant practitioner
- Level 9 – Senior leader.

## Focus on education and achievement

Throughout your professional development, you'll be supported by the right education and training – with early opportunities for postgraduate achievement. This will equip you to work with doctors, physiotherapists, pharmacists, radiographers and others – including managing and delegating care to healthcare support workers and assistants. You will also be able to refer patients across the healthcare system and take part in shaping policy and practice for the future.

## Develop your skills

Build on your skills as a practitioner, partner and leader as you progress from your first job potentially right up to the executive board. Your core competencies will always include:

- Autonomy and accountability
- Advocacy and negotiation
- Assessment and referral
- Decision-making and clinical skills
- Managing complexity
- Caseload management
- Care pathway co-ordination.

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