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# American hospitals badly in need of nurses, feel Indian hands best

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

It is hard to believe from the words of a western nation that India has been setting a great example in training nurses. It is apparently true, as Indian nurses are the most sought after employees in USA. The reason is simple,

USA does not have many nursing colleges although there is a demand for the profession. Indian nurses are saving many US hospitals, which are shutting down due to their non-availability.

Chief of Trauma, University of Miami Dr Mark McKenny told this paper that the shortage of nurses in the USA was due to various reasons.

"Many nurses are fast retiring, no prop-

er assessment was made to forecast the shortage ten years ago. There are not many schools that train nurses, the other reason could be that nurses are training to become practitioners and are finding other jobs in the medical profession. This has created problems in the US," he said.

McKenny added that Indian nurses are the best in the world.

"They are very good at English. They fit in to the US, as the shortage in this profession will get worse over the next ten years. Once they get to America they will have to take a test. Indian nurses pass the exams without difficulty," he added.

McKenny also said that many hospitals

were closing down for want of nurses.

On contacting a US based recruitment firm, 'Job2Career' they said, for nurses to qualify they first have to stop going through agents.

Jobs2Career Bangalore manager, Saira Philipose told this paper that nurses have to pass through a screening test.

"We train nurses for free, we even pay their air fare and process their green cards in USA, if they get through our tests. Initially there is a qualifying test, then they have to write an international English language test and later we get them a 'registered nurse' card. We place them in various cities and they work under contract for two



Indian nurses best: Mark McKenny

years. Later, they are employed on a permanent basis," she said. Every year at least 30 to 40 nurses are sent to USA from Job2Career. For details contact Job2Career on 5110 3738 or www.job2career.com.