

## Travel Nursing and Beyond

If you work as a traveler for the love of traveling itself, you may want to travel between assignments. Some travelers take trips to foreign destinations between assignments. They want to see and do as much as possible. If you budget well and are a traveler without many responsibilities, traveling can afford you the income to do these things.

Unfortunately, sometimes nursing jobs can seem like just a job. It is easy to lose perspective as to why you chose a nursing career in the first place. Going somewhere out of your element can put things into perspective again.

One idea is to combine your nursing skills with your love for travel in a different way from travel nursing. Between assignments, you can volunteer to go places and contribute in different countries that need you in a way you may have never experienced through volunteer service organizations. These organizations organize medical services to needy areas throughout the world. For example, perhaps you want to go and help the victims of the tsunami in India and Indonesia.

Have you always wanted to do something like this, but didn't know how to get involved? The following are a few volunteer organizations you can check into if you are interested in doing something different and contributing to those less fortunate than us Americans.

Project Concern International ([www.projectconcern.org](http://www.projectconcern.org))

Pan American Health Organization ([www.paho.org](http://www.paho.org))

Operation Rainbow ([www.operationrainbow.org](http://www.operationrainbow.org))

Mercy Corp International ([www.mercycorps.org](http://www.mercycorps.org))

Concern America ([www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org))

International Medical Corps ([www.imcworldwide.org/index.shtml](http://www.imcworldwide.org/index.shtml))

Now, you can take travel nursing to a whole new level. The autonomy afforded by travel nursing is incredible. You can do just about anything. You decide where, when and for how much you are going to work. What other career offers so much versatility?