

## 12 Hour shifts are hard we get it Do You Need Help?

You got it! Here's a realistic, still-nourishing but slightly more relaxed version of the 3-day meal prep planner—perfect for busy nurses who want balance without feeling like they're living off kale and quinoa 24/7

**3-Day Nurse Meal Prep Planne**r (Realistic Edition)
Quick, satisfying meals with a healthy-ish twist—zero
guilt, all fuel.

Day 1

**Breakfast**: Breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, cheese & salsa

**Snack 1**: Apple slices + peanut butter

Lunch: Chicken Caesar wrap + baked chips

Snack 2: Greek yogurt + a few chocolate chips

**Dinner**: Pasta salad with rotini, cherry tomatoes, mozzarella, and Italian dressing

### Day 2

**Breakfast:** Whole grain English muffin with egg, cheese & turkey sausage

Snack 1: Mini bag of trail mix (with M&Ms!)

**Lunch**: Turkey sandwich on whole wheat + pickle spear + pretzels

Snack 2: Granola bar + a clementine

**Dinner**: BBQ chicken thighs + mashed potatoes + green beans



# Day 3

Breakfast: Smoothie with banana, peanut butter, chocolate protein powder, and milk



#### ₩ Grocery List (Balanced but Real-Life Friendly)

#### **Proteins:**

- Eggs (1 dozen)
- Deli turkey
- Chicken thighs or breast
- Turkey sausage patties
- Greek yogurt
- Cheese (block or shredded, plus string cheese)
- Protein powder
- Egg salad ingredients (mayo, mustard, etc.)

#### Carbs & Grains:

- Whole wheat bread
- Wraps or tortillas
- Pasta (rotini or penne)
- Brown or white rice
- English muffins
- Pretzels or baked chips
- Crackers
- Granola bars

#### Fruits & Veggies:

- Apples
- Bananas
- Grapes or melon
- Clementines
- Cherry tomatoes
- Green beans (fresh or frozen)
- Lettuce/spinach
- Pickles
- Frozen stir-fry veggies

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- Peanut butter
- Salsa
- M&Ms or dark chocolate chips
- Italian dressing
- Soy sauce
- Pita chips
- Hummus
- Trail mix ingredients

- Easy Meal Prep Tips:
- Make pasta salad, wraps, or rice bowls the night before shifts
- Prep breakfast burritos in bulk and freeze them microwave and go
- Double dinner recipes so you have lunch ready for the next day
- Keep snacks stocked at work so you don't hit the vending machine