

Licensed Practical Nurse



What does a Licensed Practical Nurse or LPN do?

- LPN's give both personal and medicinal care to patients who are sick, injured, or unable to care for themselves.
- LPN's measure and record patient's vital signs such as height, weight, temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and respiration.
- They prepare and give injections, monitor catheters, and dress wounds.
- LPN's assist with bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene, moving in bed, standing, and walking.

What kind of education would I need?

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Complete a state-approved practical nursing program which is offered through a vocational/technical school, community college, university or hospital
- Pass a licensing examination to become a Licensed Practical Nurse

Where would I work?

- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Nursing homes
- Private homes
- Institutions

Job Outlook?

The best job opportunities will occur in nursing care facilities and home health care services, while applicants in hospitals may face competition.

Salary?

Licensed Practical Nurses earn an average of \$34,626 per year

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