



Licensed Practical Nurse

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What They Do

Care for ill, injured, or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse. Licensing required.

Is This For You?

Work Interests are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

Social – Like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping, and curing people. They are good with words.

Realistic - Enjoy work activities that involve practical, hands-on problems and solutions.

Work Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

Relationships – Allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

Achievement – Results oriented, allow use of strongest abilities and provide feeling of accomplishment.

Support - Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

Abilities reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career:

- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression
- Problem Sensitivity
- Speech Clarity
- Written Comprehension

Skills You Need

- Service Orientation – Actively looking for ways to help people.
- Active Listening – Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.
- Coordination – adjusting actions in relation to others' actions.
- Monitoring – monitoring/assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action
- Reading Comprehension – Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.

Education & Training

Licensed practical nurses need to **complete a training program less than or at an associate degree level in nursing**. Licensed practical nurses are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Nursing.

Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of licensed practical nurses are:

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Other Ambulatory Health Care Services
- State Government
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners

SD Employment & Wages

2016 Workers	2026 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Demand for Workers	Average Annual Wage
1,850	1,890	40	2%	140	\$37,600

Activities: what you might do in a day

- Administer intravenous medication.
- Record patient medical histories.
- Monitor patient conditions during treatments, procedures, or activities.
- Administer basic health care or medical treatments.
- Apply bandages, dressings, or splints.
- Measures the physical or physiological to plan or provide treatment.
- Supervise patient care personnel.
- Analyze quantitative data to determine effectiveness of treatments or therapies.
- Sterilize medical equipment or instruments.

Additional References

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetcenter.org