

## CAREER PROFILE

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) care for those with health conditions or impairments under the direction of licensed physicians, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists or registered nurses. They work in a variety of settings which include doctors' offices, hospitals, outpatient clinics, and nursing homes. An aging population, along with a rise in chronic diseases, means that more people will need the care that LPNs can provide. Common tasks include:

- Taking vital signs
- Providing basic patient care and comfort including bathing and dressing
- Administering medications (where state law allows)
- Applying dressings and bandages
- Collecting blood and fluid samples
- Observing and recording impact of treatment
- Providing physical and emotional support
- Reporting patients' status and care to registered nurses or physicians

### **PAY**

\$59,730 per year (\$28.72 per hour) as of May 2023

### **JOB OUTLOOK**

5% (faster than average) 2022-2032

### **EDUCATION/TRAINING**

LPN programs can be between 12-15 months if studying full-time, and 24-30 months if studying part-time. Prospective LPNs must pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) after completing their state approved education.

### **IMPORTANT SKILLS**

- Communication skills
- Decision-making skills
- Detail-oriented
- Critical thinking skills
- Computer skills
- Time-management skills
- Compassion
- Physical stamina

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

### **ASHTABULA COUNTY TECHNICAL & CAREER CAMPUS**

*JEFFERSON*

An 11-month Practical Nursing Program

<https://actc.axstudent.com/#/category/b3>

### **AUBURN CAREER CENTER**

*Concord Twp.*

A 1200-clock hour Practical Nursing Program. Students who complete the program will be able to continue their career pathway education in Lakeland's Associate Degree program.

[www.auburncc.org/PracticalNursing.aspx](http://www.auburncc.org/PracticalNursing.aspx)

### **BRYANT AND STRATTON COLLEGE**

*Akron, Parma, Solon*

A 42-credit hour Practical Nursing Program

[www.bryantstratton.edu/degrees/diplomas/practical-nursing-diploma](http://www.bryantstratton.edu/degrees/diplomas/practical-nursing-diploma)

### **Why NCLEX-PN Pass Rates are an Important Factor When Selecting an LPN Program in Ohio?**



On average, 86 percent of students pass the NCLEX-PN after completing any of the practical nursing programs in Ohio. Choosing an institution that has a high pass rate on this test increases your likelihood of receiving the necessary education to pass it.

Employers often look at NCLEX-PN pass rates of institutions to ensure that the nurses they are hiring have been taught the needed skills to do the job properly.

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS *(continued)*

### **CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*Eastern, Metropolitan, Western and Westshore campuses.*

One-year program leading to a Certificate of Proficiency in Practical Nursing. Students can further their education in nursing at Tri-C through their Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing (ADN) program and their Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program.

[www.tri-c.edu/programs/nursing/index.html](http://www.tri-c.edu/programs/nursing/index.html)

### **CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER**

*Brecksville*

A 1,200-clock hour program. Cooperative agreements with community health-related organizations provide clinical facilities and potential job opportunities.

[cvccworks.edu/adult-education/adult-education-programs/nursing/](http://cvccworks.edu/adult-education/adult-education-programs/nursing/)

### **FORTIS COLLEGE**

*Cuyahoga Falls*

Offers a comprehensive training program that can prepare a student in 16 months to become an LPN.

[fortis.edu/campuses/ohio/cuyahoga-falls/practical-nursing.html](http://fortis.edu/campuses/ohio/cuyahoga-falls/practical-nursing.html)

### **HONDROS COLLEGE OF NURSING**

*Akron, Independence*

LPN program can be completed in 12 months; other advanced nursing programs offered.

[start.hondros.edu](http://start.hondros.edu)

### **LORAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*Elyria*

One-year certificate program in practical nursing.

[www.lorainccc.edu/health/nursing/practical-nursing-lpn/](http://www.lorainccc.edu/health/nursing/practical-nursing-lpn/)

### **NORTHERN CAREER INSTITUTE**

*Willoughby/Eastlake*

One-year program currently offered weekdays and evenings. Average enrollment is approximately 100 adult students per year. NCI has an outstanding pass rate of 98% on the NCLEX-PN exam.

[ncioh.edu/lpn](http://ncioh.edu/lpn)

### **POLARIS CAREER CENTER**

*Middleburg Heights*

The program is 11 months in length and classes are during the day.

[www.polaris.edu/o/pcc/page/practical-nursing-home](http://www.polaris.edu/o/pcc/page/practical-nursing-home)

### **STARK STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*Canton*

Offers both weekday and evening classes for a total of 36 credit hours

[www.starkstate.edu/academics/programs/practical-nursing-lpn/](http://www.starkstate.edu/academics/programs/practical-nursing-lpn/)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Practical Nursing information

[www.practicalnursing.org/](http://www.practicalnursing.org/)