

## **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 such as doctors' offices, hospitals, outpatient clinics, and nursing homes. Our 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**

\$62,340 per year (\$29.97/hour) as of May 2024

## **JOB OUTLOOK**

3% (fast as average) 2023-2033

## **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

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



On average, 83 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**

### **ASHTABULA COUNTY TECHNICAL & CAREER CAMPUS** (Jefferson)

An 11-month, full time day *Practical Nursing Program*.

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

### **AUBURN CAREER CENTER** (Concord Twp.)

A 1200-clock hour *Practical Nursing Program*. Students completing the program may continue their 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 41-credit hour *Practical Nursing Program*. Credits can be transferred to the Nursing Associate degree program

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

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS (*continued*)

### **CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

(Eastern, Metropolitan, Western & 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 with varying schedules ***Practical Nursing 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 ***Practical Nursing Certificate Program***.

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

### **NORTHERN CAREER INSTITUTE**

(Willoughby/Eastlake)

One-year ***Adult LPN program*** currently offered weekdays and evenings. Average enrollment is approximately 150 adult students per year.

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

### **POLARIS CAREER CENTER** (*Middleburg Hts*)

The ***Practical Nursing (PN) program*** is 11 months in length, 1100 hours and classes are during the day. The majority of clinical rotations are in partnership with Southwest General Hospital.

<https://www.polaris.edu/page/practical-nursing-home>

### **STARK STATE COLLEGE** (*Canton*)

***Practical Nursing program*** offering both weekday and evening classes for a total of 36 credit hours. Students can further their education in Stark State's Associate Degree program.

<https://www.starkstate.edu/academics/programs/practical-nursing-lpn/>

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Practical Nursing information

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