

## 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 the 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% (as fast as average) 2024-2034

## EDUCATION/TRAINING

LPN programs can be 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/ATTRIBUTES

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



The importance of  
**NCLEX-PN Pass Rates**  
when selecting an LPN  
program in Ohio?

On average, 82 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/TRAINING PROGRAMS

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

#### *Practical Nursing Program*

An 11-month, full-time day program (1500 clock hours) that begins every September.

[actc.axstudent.com/#/category/b3](https://actc.axstudent.com/#/category/b3)

### AUBURN CAREER CENTER (Concord Twp.)

#### *Practical Nursing Program*

A 1200-clock hour program. Students completing the program may continue their education in Lakeland's Associate Degree program.

[auburncc.axstudent.com/#/category/W0](https://auburncc.axstudent.com/#/category/W0)

### BRYANT & STRATTON COLLEGE (Akron, Parma, Solon)

#### *Practical Nursing Program*

A 12-month, 41-credit-hour program; credits can be transferred to the Nursing Associate degree program.

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

## CERTIFICATE/TRAINING PROGRAMS *(continued)*

**CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE** (Eastern, Metropolitan, Western & Westshore campuses)  
*Certificate of Proficiency in Practical Nursing*  
A one-year program. Students can further their nursing education 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.tric.edu/programs/nursing/index.html](http://www.tric.edu/programs/nursing/index.html)

**CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER**  
(Brecksville)

*Practical Nursing Program*

A 1,200-clock-hour program with varying schedules. 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)

*Practical Nursing Program*

Offers a comprehensive training program to prepare a student to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in 16 months.

[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 COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
(Elyria)

*Practical Nursing Certificate Program*

A one-year (three-semester) program.

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

**NORTHERN CAREER INSTITUTE**

(Willoughby/Eastlake)

*Adult LPN Program*

An approximately one-year program 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)

*Practical Nursing (PN) Program*

An approximately 11-month, 1100-hour daytime program. Most clinical rotations are in partnership with Southwest General Hospital.

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

**STARK STATE COLLEGE** (Canton)

*Practical Nursing program*

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

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

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**OHIO BOARD OF NURSING**

[nursing.ohio.gov/home](http://nursing.ohio.gov/home)

**PRACTICAL NURSING INFORMATION**

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