



ALLIED HEALTH Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)

Careers

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) care for the sick, injured, convalescent and disabled under the direction of physicians and registered nurses.

Most LPNs provide basic bedside care. They take vital signs such as temperature, pulse, respiration and blood pressure. They prepare and give injections, administer enemas, apply dressings, give massages, apply ice packs and hot water bottles, and monitor catheters. LPNs observe patients and report adverse reactions to medications or treatments. They collect samples for testing, perform routine laboratory tests, feed patients, and record food and fluid intake and output. They help patients with bathing,

dressing, and personal hygiene, keep them comfortable, and care for their emotional needs. In states where the law allows, they may administer prescribed medicines or start intravenous fluids. LPNs help deliver, care for, and feed infants. Experienced LPNs may supervise nursing assistants and aides.

LPNs in nursing homes oversee routine care, help evaluate residents' needs, help develop care plans and watch over the care provided by nursing aides. In doctors' offices and clinics, they also may make appointments, keep records, and perform other clerical duties. LPNs who work in private homes may prepare meals and teach family members simple nursing tasks.

Job Outlook

Employment of LPNs is projected to grow faster than average. Overall job prospects are expected to be very good, but job outlook varies by industry. The best job opportunities will occur in nursing care facilities and home health care services, while applicants for jobs in hospitals may face competition. Employment of LPNs is expected to grow 14 percent between 2006 and 2016, faster than the average for all occupations, in response to the long-term care needs of an increasing elderly population and the general increase in demand for health care services.

Earnings

Median annual earnings of licensed practical nurses were \$36,550 in May 2006. The middle 50 percent earned between \$31,080 and \$43,640. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$26,380, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$50,480.

LCCC Has the Programs!

LCCC offers a variety of programs in health care. We can provide the degree you want to match the job you want. We offer certificate programs that may be completed in as little time as one year, and we also offer associate's degree programs that can be completed in two years of full-time study.

These associate's degrees offer dual opportunity: They may be used by students seeking immediate employment upon graduation in a number of health fields; or they may be used for direct transfer into a bachelor degree program in allied health, offered through the University Partnership at LCCC. And, LCCC nursing programs may be used for direct transfer into the bachelor of science in nursing and master of science in nursing programs offered through the University Partnership. For more information on educational opportunities in health care — and nursing — at LCCC, see the reverse side of this sheet.

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Educational Opportunities in Practical Nursing at LCCC

Certificate of Proficiency in Practical Nursing

This program prepares graduates to function as practical nurses. The practical nurse gives care to clients at the direction of a registered nurse or physician. Practical nurses function independently in situations where the client's condition is stable and non-acute. The graduate is eligible to take the NCLEX examination for licensure.

Note: Advanced placement in LCCC's Associate of Applied Science Degree program in Associate Degree Nursing (see below) is available for licensed practical nurses through the ACCESS program at LCCC.

Other Related Opportunities in Allied Health Programs at LCCC

Certificate of proficiency

- emergency medical services-paramedic
- medical assisting
- phlebotomy

Associate of applied science

- clinical laboratory science technology
- dental hygiene
- diagnostic medical sonography
- physical therapist assisting
- radiologic technology

Associate of technical studies

- nuclear medicine

Associate of science

(leading to programs such as)

- pre-dentistry, pre-med, pre-optometry and pre-pharmacy

Advancement from a Licensed Practical Nurse to a Registered Nurse (ACCESS)

Access in Nursing is an exciting educational model that allows LPNs to advance in their career through continuing education. Once an LPN is admitted to a registered nursing program at a participating school, they can complete an LPN to RN transition course offered at LCCC. Upon successful completion of the transition course, ACCESS students receive at least 35% of the nursing coursework required by the receiving school for the Associate Degree of Diploma in Nursing. Upon meeting graduation requirements, students are eligible to sit for the RN licensing examination.

Educational Opportunities in Nursing through LCCC's University of Akron Partnership

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The University of Akron's nursing program prepares students to provide patient care, to direct others in giving care and to become members of comprehensive health care teams. Professional nurses also teach health care, prepare discharge plans and make referrals that can aid patients and their families.

Master of Science in Nursing

For registered nurses who have diplomas or associate degrees in nursing and who aspire to the Master of Science in nursing, the University of Akron offers the RN-MSN sequence.

Youngstown State University

Bachelor of Science in Allied Health

Associate degree nursing graduates who wish to upgrade their academic credentials beyond the technical scope can enroll in Youngstown State University's bachelor's degree in allied health program, a two-plus-two concept which allows the associate nursing degree program to serve as the first two years of the baccalaureate-degree program.

About Lorain County Community College

Lorain County Community College is one of Ohio's leading colleges delivering distance learning education via the Internet. The College has expanded its delivery of its programs and services through the opening of the Learning Center at St. Joseph Community Center in Lorain, the LCCC Wellington Center, Lorain County Growth Partnership in downtown Elyria and the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick. Partnerships with Lorain County's K-12 school districts have also led to important developments for the community. More than 1300 high school students participate in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options program by enrolling in LCCC classes, making LCCC the state's largest community college provider of PSEO. More than 35 percent of Lorain County's top high school graduates choose to attend LCCC.

LCCC is one of Ohio's fastest growing colleges because of the variety of learning opportunities it provides. Students can choose from more than 80 educational programs. Students can complete the first half — and sometimes more — of a bachelor's degree. The University Partnership brings eight universities to the LCCC campus offering 37 bachelor's and master's degree programs. With the University Partnership at LCCC, the College partners with the state's finest universities to bring the best in bachelor's and master's degree programs right to the LCCC campus. Students can earn degrees that get them jobs immediately. Students can upgrade, retrain and improve current life skills. Students can learn in the classroom, at home and over the Internet.

LCCC offers a complete college experience. We understand that there's more to college life than attending classes. We offer many of the programs, sports, and activities available at large four-year universities and colleges. But, students will not have to stand in line behind juniors and seniors in the classroom, on the playing field, or in leadership positions. Students can immediately act in a play, sing in a musical group, serve as editor for the college newspaper, plan social activities, compete on the playing field, or set policy as a student government member.

In addition to providing a great education for those who enter college with aspirations of a degree, LCCC helps those who have changed their career goals, who want to broaden their horizons, and who want to return to work. LCCC provides learning and training for those who want to move up but find they need new or improved skills for the kind of professional opportunities they seek.

LCCC faculty is recognized locally and nationally for their work as professors and in other areas. They all have advanced degrees and real-world experience and understand their primary responsibility at LCCC is to teach classes. Classes are small. Individual attention is plentiful.

An LCCC education, prepares students for real jobs and real futures. To find out more, call (800) 995-LCCC or visit LCCC's Connections Center, the Learning Center at St. Joseph Community Center in Lorain, the LCCC Learning Center in Wellington, the Lorain County Growth Partnership in downtown Elyria or the Midpoint Campus Center in Brunswick for all of your enrollment service needs, including admissions, registration, advising and counseling.



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