

WORKING TO BE A**Licensed Practical Nurse****What type of education does it take to become a licensed practical nurse?**

- Most practical nursing programs require one year to complete
- Programs may be offered in community or junior colleges, technical or vocational schools, high schools, hospitals, colleges or universities

What licenses or certifications do you need to be a licensed practical nurse?

- Must pass a licensing exam after finishing the nursing program

What is the work environment like for a licensed practical nurse?

- May work around some chemicals, radiation, and infectious diseases but the risk is reduced when using proper precautions
- May stand for long periods and help patients move
- Most work a 40 hour week which may include nights, weekends, and holidays
- May work in doctors' offices, clinics, hospitals, or assist patients in private homes

What do licensed practical nurses do?

- Care for patients under the direction of doctors and registered nurses
- Provide basic bedside care by taking patient's temperature, pulse, and blood pressure
- Give injections and enemas
- Watch patients and report any reactions to medications and treatments
- Collect test samples
- Help keep patients comfortable by helping with bathing and dressing
- May also help with clerical duties
- Experienced LPN's may supervise nursing assistants and nursing aides

What is the normal pay range for a licensed practical nurse?

- \$13.55–\$21.87 per hour

What Source partners offer training to be a licensed practical nurse?

- Lourdes College
- University of Toledo
- Toledo Public Schools
- Owens Community College

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How can a licensed practical nurse grow in their field?

- Through more training and experience they can go on to become a registered nurse or advanced practice nurse
- May supervise nursing aides or nursing assistants