

In Demand Health Care Careers

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE(LPN)

REGISTERED NURSE(RN)

EDUCATION



LPNs must have a license and complete an approved educational program. Programs award a certificate diploma and typically take about 1 year to complete.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Associate's degree in Nursing (ADN) or Diploma from approved Nursing program.



IMPORTANT QUALITIES



- Compassion
- Detail oriented
- Interpersonal skills
- Patience
- Physical stamina
- Speaking skills
- Team player

- Critical-thinking skills
- Communication skills
- Compassion
- Detail oriented
- Emotional stability
- Organizational skills
- Physical stamina



WHAT THEY DO



- Team member
- Manages the care and records for stable patients
- Reports patient changes to RN/doctor
- Administers expected medications/treatments
- Assists in the medical history and assessment

- Team leader
- Manages the care and records for complex patients
- Decision-maker in managing patients until doctor arrives
- Administers complex medications/treatments
- Performs admission health history and assessment



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES **\$20.59** **\$26.11^{TO}**

Employment of LPNs is projected to grow 12.8 percent from 2018 to 2028.

These jobs are in demand in Southwest and South Central Minnesota and these are SW/SC Minnesota Median wages. Data collected from Department of Employment and Economic Development.

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGES **\$30.49** **\$44.53^{TO}**

Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 12.4 percent from 2018 to 2028.

WORK ENVIRONMENT



Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses work in many settings, including nursing homes and extended care facilities, hospitals, physicians' offices, and private homes. Most work full time, including evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Most RN's work in hospitals, physicians' offices, home healthcare services, and nursing care facilities.



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