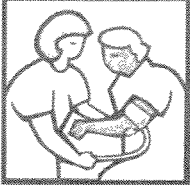


	Current Number of Workers 2006	Projected Number of Workers 2016	% Change to 2016	Average Annual Openings	 Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses SOC # 29-2061	
Regional	1200	1400	16.70%	55		
Texas	65,450	84,100	24.40%	3375		
Education/ Training Time	Is License Required?	Wage Rate \$/Hr. 2008 Regionally	Percent Female	Average Age	Job Turnover	Why Most Job Openings Occur
1+ years	Yes	\$18.01	92.3%	41.3	Average	Replacement

JOB DESCRIPTION

Care for ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled persons in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse.

WHERE DO WORKERS FIND JOBS?

General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
Nursing Care Facilities
Offices of Physicians
Home Health Care Services
Employment Services
Community Care Facilities for the Elderly
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools

RELATED COLLEGE PROGRAMS

CIP 511613 Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training (LPN, LVN, Cert., Dipl. AAS)

IMPORTANT KNOWLEDGE

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

* English Language

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

* Customer and Personal Service

HEALTH SERVICES

* Medicine and Dentistry

* Therapy and Counseling

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

* Psychology

IMPORTANT SKILLS

CONTENT

* Active Listening

* Speaking

PROCESS

* Critical Thinking

* Monitoring

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SKILLS

* Time Management

SOCIAL SKILLS

* Coordination

* Service Orientation

* Social Perceptiveness

IMPORTANT ABILITIES

AUDITORY AND SPEECH ABILITIES

* Speech Clarity

* Speech Recognition

IDEA GENERATION AND REASONING

ABILITIES

* Problem Sensitivity

VERBAL ABILITIES

* Oral Comprehension

* Oral Expression

NATURE OF THE WORK: Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses

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

Most LPNs provide basic bedside care, taking vital signs such as temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and respiration. They also prepare and give injections and enemas, monitor catheters, apply dressings, treat bedsores, and give alcohol rubs and massages. LPNs monitor their 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. To help keep patients comfortable, LPNs assist with bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene. In States where the law allows, they may administer prescribed medicines or start intravenous fluids. Some LPNs help to deliver, care for, and feed infants. Experienced LPNs may supervise nursing assistants and aides.

In addition to providing routine bedside care, LPNs in nursing care facilities help to evaluate residents' needs, develop care plans, and supervise 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.