Licensed Practical Nurses

What They Do
Care for ill, injured or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse.

Is This For You?
Work Interests are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland’s Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

Social (Helpers) — Like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping and curing people. They are good with words.

Realistic (Doers) — Prefer to work with objects, things, machines, tools, plants or animals. They have mechanical ability, enjoy being outdoors and working with their hands.

Work Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

Relationships — Allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly, non-competitive environment.

Support — Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

Achievement — Results oriented, allow use of strongest abilities and provide feeling of accomplishment.

Abilities reflect a person’s aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career.

- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression
- Problem Sensitivity
- Speech Clarity
Basic Skills You Need

- Service Orientation
- Active Listening
- Coordination
- Monitoring
- Reading Comprehension
- Social Perceptiveness

Education & Training

Some postsecondary education in an accredited licensed practical nursing program is recommended in South Dakota. Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) must be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Nursing. For more information, visit https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing. Prior work experience as a nurse’s aid or similar position is helpful.

Recommended Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

- Applied Math 4
- Workplace Documents 4
- Graphic Literacy 4

*Using the median skill level.

Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of LPNs are:

- Ambulatory Health Care Services
- Hospitals
- Nursing and Residential Care Facilities
- Federal Government
- Local Government
- Administrative and Support Services

South Dakota Employment & Wages

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Additional References

Labor Market Information Center
www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic

Career OneStop
www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online
www.onetonline.org

mySkills myFuture
https://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/

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