



Explore a Career as a **LICENSED PRACTICAL OR LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE**

Target Occupation Profile

What do Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses do?

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) perform a variety of tasks under the supervision of a registered nurse. LPNs and LVNs administer medicine and injections, take vital signs, dress wounds and feed infants. Most are trained to work in all aspects of healthcare, yet some specialize in certain areas. There can also be variations in duties depending on the working environment. For example, working in a physician's office may involve more administrative tasks like making appointments, whereas working in a hospital could entail advanced nursing responsibilities such as working in an emergency room.

LPNs and LVNs are in demand in Cook County!

Cook County employment of LPNs and LVNs is expected to increase through 2020. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics recognizes this career as having much faster than average job growth.

Training & Educational Opportunities

LPNs and LVNs must complete an approved educational program and the state licensing exam to earn a certificate. Practical nursing programs involve classroom learning in subjects such as nursing, biology and pharmacology. All programs also include supervised clinical experience.

As an LPN or LVN you will:

- Administer medication and monitor frequency and amounts
- Compile patient health information
- Provide personal hygiene assistance to patients
- Set up, clean and use catheters, oxygen suppliers and other equipment
- Supervise nursing assistants and aides
- Take blood pressure and conduct other basic care treatments
- Take vital signs

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Training Providers

There are many training providers available in Cook County to supply you with the training you need for a career as an LPN or LVN.

To access a list of training providers for this occupation and many more, please visit Illinoisworknet.com and select the 'Training and Credentials' menu option to view 'WIOA Approved Training Programs.'



Types of Employers

There are many types of employers in Cook County looking to hire LPNs and LVNs, including:

- Home healthcare services
- Hospitals
- Nursing care facilities
- Physician offices
- Residential care facilities

Wages & Openings

Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurse Employment Data for Cook County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$16.55
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$24.37
Average Annual Job Openings Cook County	329
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	656

*Source: Emsi, 2017.2

Opportunities

After you receive your certificate as an LPN or LVN, you will have many opportunities for additional certification and advancement. Some opportunities include:

- Care Manager
- Clinical Coordinator Associate
- Labor and Delivery Technician
- Pre-Op Nurse



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