

# Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

A **Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)** provides patient care under the supervision of an RN, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, physician, dentist, or podiatrist. They provide bedside nursing care and emotional support to patients. They also provide medical procedures, such as administering medications and sterile dressing changes, as prescribed.

## Education

Graduate from an LPN education program, which usually takes about a year to complete. LPN education programs are offered at many community colleges, vocational colleges, and BOCES. LPN education programs in New York State must be approved by the New York State Education Department.

## Examination

NCLEX-PN examination developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing

- ▶ Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements

## Video



## Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$46,240 in the U.S., \$49,470 in NY
- Salary range: \$38,730-\$55,060
- Projected growth: much faster than average

## Where Could I Work?

- Hospitals, nursing homes, and mental health facilities
- Clinics and private practices
- Home care and hospices
- Schools and public health departments

## Your Interests and Abilities

- Biology and pharmacology
- Supervised clinical education

## Professional Skills

- Teamwork
- Problem Solving
- Communication
- Concern for others

## What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at [mynextmove.org/explore/ip](https://mynextmove.org/explore/ip)

**Tip:** try searching for mentoring programs—talk to a licensed practical nurse about what they do and how they got started!