

Licensed Practical / Licensed Vocational Nurse

PANHANDLE

Average Wage
\$15.36

*Average Annual
Job Openings*
45

| <i>Employment in</i> | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| <i>2004</i> | <i>2014</i> |
| 1,250 | 1,450 |

TEXAS

Average Wage
\$17.27

*Average Annual
Job Openings*
3,040

| <i>Employment in</i> | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| <i>2004</i> | <i>2014</i> |
| 65,250 | 81,400 |

UNITED STATES

*Employment in
2006*
720,380

Female 92%
Minority 44%

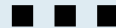
EMPLOYMENT CODES

OES 32505

*O*NET 29-2061.00*
*Licensed Practical and
Licensed Vocational Nurses*

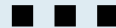
JOB DESCRIPTION

Care for ill, injured, convalescent, and handicapped persons in hospitals, clinics, private homes, sanitariums, and similar institutions. Dress wounds and give enemas and alcohol rubs; take and record temperature, pulse, blood pressure, and respiration; assemble and use such equipment as catheters, tracheotomy tubes, and oxygen suppliers. Sterilize equipment and supplies using germicides and autoclave.



SKILLS AND APTITUDES NEEDED

- ◆ A caring, sympathetic nature
- ◆ Emotionally stable to handle stress
- ◆ Able to follow orders and work under close supervision



Licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) care for the sick, injured, convalescent, and disabled under the direction of physicians and registered nurses. They prepare and give injections, apply ice packs and hot water bottles, and insert catheters. They collect samples from patients for testing, perform routine laboratory tests, feed patients, and record food and liquid intake and output. They help patients with bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene.

Most nurses in hospitals and nursing homes work a 40-hour week, but because patients need round-the-clock care, some work nights, weekends, and holidays. They often stand for long periods and help patients move in bed, stand, or walk. LVNs may face hazards from caustic chemicals, radiation, and infectious diseases such as hepatitis. They are subject to back injuries when moving patients and shock from electrical equipment. They often must deal with the stress of heavy workloads and the patients they care for may be confused, irrational, agitated, or uncooperative.

PANHANDLE AREA PUBLIC TRAINING PROVIDERS

| Training Provider | Direct | Related | Education Offering |
|---|--------|---------|---|
| Amarillo College Amarillo, Dumas, Hereford | √ | | Certificate of Completion (Nursing-Vocational Nursing) |
| Childress Regional Medical Center Childress | √ | | School of Vocational Nursing |
| Frank Phillips College Borger, Perryton | √ | | Certificate of Completion (Vocational Nursing) |

For information on public training providers outside of the Panhandle Area, please refer to the Resource Index.

LICENSE/CERTIFICATION

Required: Passing of the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN)
(License issued by the State Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners)

Required: Specific continuing education credits as required for licensure renewal

HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT LEVELS BY INDUSTRY

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| General Medical/Surgical Hospitals | 33% |
| Nursing Care Facilities | 28% |
| Physician's Offices | 12% |
| Home Health Care Services | 7% |
| Community Care Facilities for Elderly | 3% |
| Colleges/Universities/Professional Schools | 2% |
| Local Government | 2% |
| Outpatient Care Centers | 2% |

FOR MORE INFORMATION

National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service, Inc., P.O. Box 25647, Alexandria, VA 22313,
(703) 933-1003, <http://www.napnes.org>

National League for Nursing, 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006, (212) 363-5555, <http://www.nln.org>

Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, 333 Guadalupe St., Suite
3-460, Austin, TX 78701, (512) 305-7400, <http://www.bvne.state.tx.us>

For additional website sources, please refer to the Resource Index.

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