LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)

Average Salary: $21.28 (hourly) $44,250 (annual)

Education: Less than 1 year

Projected 2028 Employment: 7,985

Average Annual Job Openings: 610

Common Job Titles: Charge Nurse; Clinic Licensed Practical Nurse (CLINIC LPN); Clinic Nurse; Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN); Licensed Practical Nurse, Clinic Nurse (LPN, Clinic Nurse); Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN); Office Nurse; Pediatric Licensed Practical Nurse (PEDIATRIC LPN); Private Duty Nurse; Triage Licensed Practical Nurse (TRIAGE LPN)

LPNs care for the sick, injured, convalescent and disabled under the direction of Physicians and Registered Nurses. Most LPNs provide essential bedside care. They observe patients and report adverse reactions to medications or treatments. They may administer prescribed medications or start intravenous fluids. Some LPNs help deliver, care for and feed infants. In some institutions, LPNs supervise nursing assistants and aides. LPNs must pass a national licensing examination to obtain a nursing license to practice in Kansas.