

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE



WHAT THEY DO

Licensed practical nurses (also known as LPNs) are professional nurses who contribute to the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of patients. LPNs have the knowledge, skill, judgement and abilities to contribute to many types of patient care, including prevention, acute treatment and management, long term and palliative care. As front-line nursing professionals, they provide a variety of nursing services within a defined scope of practice. LPNs take and record vital signs, collect various samples, dress wounds, monitor progress and report reactions to treatment, as well as educate patients and families.

HOW THEY WORK

LPNs can assign tasks to health-care aides and manage client and family concerns. Depending on the setting, LPNs may work with other health-care providers such as registered nurses, psychiatric nurses, doctors, and/or physiotherapists. LPNs can pursue advanced training and practice in specialty nursing areas such as operating room, advanced orthopedics, dialysis and immunization.

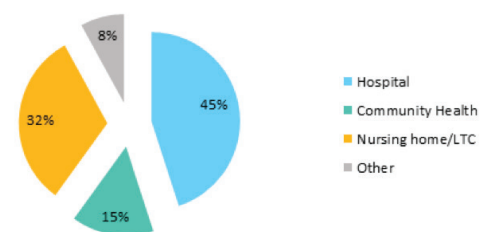
TRAINING

To become an LPN, you must complete a diploma program. A number of Alberta colleges offer Practical Nurse training:

- Bow Valley College
- Columbia College
- Lethbridge College
- Medicine Hat College
- NorQuest College
- Northern Lakes College
- Portage College
- Red Deer College
- Grande Prairie Regional College will have a Practical Nurse program in January 2022.

LPNs in Alberta 2019 (CIHI Nursing Chart Book https://www.cihi.ca/en/nursing-in-canada-2019)		
Type of Provider in Alberta 2019	All Regulated Nurses	Licensed Practical Nurses
SUPPLY	53,340	15,513
% CHANGE SINCE 2018	+1.9	+4.8
RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION	-	360
WORKING IN RURAL/REMOTE SETTINGS	12%	16.1%

Employment Setting LPNs



VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1C23z9v1brM>

RESOURCES

REGULATORY BODY:

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta - <https://www.clpna.com/>

ALBERTA ALIS PROFILE:

<https://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo/occupations-in-alberta/occupation-profiles/licensed-practical-nurse/>

AHS CAREER PROFILE:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/careers/Page11730.aspx>