

Practical Nurse, Diploma

A career as Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) is rewarding for women and men who want to be part of the health care team. Licensed Practical Nurses provide high quality nursing care across the lifespan, in hospitals, continuing care agencies, community settings and other health related areas. They are responsible for performing client assessments; performing medical treatment and planning, performing, and evaluating nursing care within their scope of practice.

What you can be with your Practical Nurse, Diploma:

Nurse #3152	Private Duty Nurse #3152.1	Crisis Counsellor #4153	Forensic Nurse
Nursing Consultant	Commissioned Officer in the Military (Lieutenant)	Crisis Intervention Worker #4212	Intensive Care Nurse #3152.1
Drug/Substance Abuse Counsellor #4165	Public Health Nurse #3152	Health Educator #0311	School Health Nurse #3152
Surgical Nursing Assistant #3414	Crisis Intervention Nurse	Critical Care Nurse #3152.1	Acute Care Coordinator #3152
Infection Control Nurse	Research Assistant	Recruiter #1223	Job Analyst #1121
Salesperson	Market Researcher #4163	Public Relations Consultant #5124	Alumni Relations Officer
Human Resources Specialist #1121	Venture Capitalist	Mediator	Staff Development Officer
Health Policy Decision Maker	Politician	Surgical Nurse	Head Nurse #3151
Professor #4121	Manager in Health Care #4153	Mental Health Counsellor #4153	Fundraiser
Health Promotion Nurse	Grief Counsellor #4153	Community Health Nurse #3152	Case Manager
Midwife #232	Clinical Nursing Specialist: Oncology, mental Health, Pediatric	College or Vocational School Instructor #4131	Psychiatric Nurse #3152
Clinical Nursing Specialist: Trauma, Transplant	Family Nursing	International Consultant	Policy Analyst #4161

This career/job listing is only a sample of the possible career options; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree/diploma. Some of the careers listed require further education.

For career information, enter the four digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website (www.alis.alberta.ca) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>).

RDC Career Services can help you explore your interests, identify your goals, discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education. Email or give us a call to connect with a career counsellor.

RDC Department Information: Practical Nurse, Diploma rdc.ab.ca/programs/health-sciences

Potential employers:

Community Health Centres	Long-term Care Facilities	Youth Organization	Private Homes
Special Needs Homes	Mental Health Institutions	Public Health Departments	Community Health Clinics
Military Bases	Research Firms	Correctional Facilities	Health and Sport Organizations
International Health Agencies	First Nations and Inuk Services	Home Care Agencies	Hospitals

Major Skills Obtained from a Practical Nurse, Diploma

- Interpersonal communication (oral & written)
- Health and physical assessment
- Critical and inferential thinking
- Knowledge of human biological, social, cultural and psychological health factors
- Teaching
- Crisis Management
- Empathy and compassion
- Ability to critically appraise and use research findings
- Knowledge of human behaviour
- Physical stamina; decision making; problem solving; manual dexterity

Professional Associations and Sites of Interest

Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses - www.caccn.ca
 American Nurses Association - www.nursingworld.org
 Canadian Health Services Research Foundation - www.chsrf.ca
 Canadian Nurses Association - www.cna-nurses.ca
 CONA - Canadian Orthopaedic Nurses Association - www.cona-nurse.org
 Canadian Practical Nurses Association o/a CPNA - www.cpna.ca
 CanadianRN - www.canadianrn.com Nursing Ethics - www.nursinggethics.ca
 Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada - www.ornac.ca
 Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec - www.oiiq.org

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