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Licensed Vocational Nursing

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Mission College
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Find out more and which colleges offer this program at our website:

[www.healthoccupations.org/
ccchealth](http://www.healthoccupations.org/ccchealth)

Sources for Further Information About Licensed Vocational Nursing:

Nursetown

[www.nursetown.com/
lpn_nursing_jobs.html](http://www.nursetown.com/lpn_nursing_jobs.html)

U.S. Department of Labor:

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos102.htm

Healthcare Job Store:

www.healthcarejobstore.com

Explore Health Careers

www.explorehealthcareers.org

Ca. Department of Consumer Affairs Board of Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Tech

www.bvnpt.ca.gov

For more information, please contact one of the colleges listed above or explore the web resources. For additional information regarding this brochure please contact: North/Far North Regional Health Occupations Resource Center at (530) 879-9069.



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Employment Outlook

In 2008 the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics states employment of LVNs is expected to continue to grow strongly through 2012 in response to the growth of an increasingly elderly population. As the current nursing workforce ages, replacement needs will be a major source of job openings. Employment of LVNs in nursing care facilities and home healthcare will continue to grow, due to patients being rapidly discharged from hospitals while still in need of nursing care, teaching and other healthcare support. Additional opportunities for jobs in clinics and outpatient care centers will emerge as more medical procedures are carried out in outpatient settings.



What Does an LVN Do?

Licensed Vocational Nurses care for patients in clinics, long-term care facilities, doctors' offices and hospitals under the direction of registered nurses. In clinical settings, LVNs provide basic bedside care, administer medications, apply dressings, treat wounds and perform a variety of invasive procedures (i.e. starting IVs). In doctors' offices and clinics, LVNs may also have clerical responsibilities as well as their nursing roles. In home and hospice care settings, LVNs may teach family caregivers basic nursing tasks and show them how to care for their loved ones.

Personal Characteristics and Working Conditions

- Caring and sympathetic nature
- Observant with good critical thinking skills
- Calm demeanor with emotional stability
- Detail-oriented
- Ability to follow directions
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work independently as well as with a team.
- Manual dexterity with mechanical aptitude
- Computer literate
- Fluency in a second language helpful
- Good physical stamina; ability to be on feet most of the day.
- Tolerance to blood-borne pathogens and body fluid exposure



How Much Can I Earn?

As of June 2008, Indeed.com (www.indeed.com/salary) states the average LVN in California earns \$44,000 per year. As the LVN gains experience and enters areas of specialization, the potential for a higher salary increases.

For example, a nurse specializing in wound care in the Los Angeles area can earn upwards of \$50,000 and a charge nurse in a Skilled Nursing Facility can top \$70,000 annually.

