

Related Courses

The following courses are helpful for all students seeking admittance into the LPN program. These courses are not required for admittance, but completion of these courses will increase a student's chance for acceptance into the program.

ACA 115- Success & Study Skills

BIO 163- Basic Anatomy & Physiology (or)

BIO 165 & 166- Anatomy & Physiology I & II

CIS 110- Intro to Computers

ENG 111- Expository Writing

PSY 110- Life Span Development (or)

PSY 150- General Psychology (and)

PSY 241- Developmental Psychology

What's Next?

Once all general admission requirements have been met, you will be invited to take the Nursing Entrance Test (NET). Completion of these requirements does not guarantee admission into the LPN class. Selections are made once a year and there are only 35 seats available.



Interested?

*** For additional information about the *Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) Program*, please attend a *Nursing Information Meeting*. Schedules with the date and times of the meetings can be obtained either at the *Career Center* or by visiting our website:**

www.isothermal.edu/career/Health.Sciences.Advising.htm

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Licensed Practical Nursing Program

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LPN/PNE

What is an LPN?

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) provide care for the sick, injured, convalescent, and disabled under the direction of physicians and registered nurses. LPNs need compassion, self-confidence, good judgment and decision making skills. Some of the basic duties LPNs perform are:

- taking blood pressure and other vital signs
- providing patient observation and chart updating
- applying dressings to wounds
- preparing and give injections
- assembling and using equipment such as catheter and oxygen supplies.



LPNs who work in rest homes may help patients with personal hygiene, dressing, bathing, and also provide emotional support.

LPNs need physical strength and stamina for activities such as lifting patients into or out of beds or wheelchairs.

Employment Opportunities

In 2004, *Licensed Practical Nurses* held about 726,000 jobs. The employment outlook for this profession is expected to grow about as fast as average for all occupations through 2014 in response to the long-term care needs of an increasing elderly population and general growth of

health care services. LPN employment opportunities can be in a number of locations such as hospitals, physicians' offices, outpatient care centers, home health care agencies, and nursing care facilities.

In North Carolina the average salary for *Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs)* in 2006-2007 was \$27,411 to \$36,501 depending on experience.

Working Conditions

Because caring for patients occurs around-the-clock, LPNs usually work 40 hrs per week including occasional nights, weekends, and holiday shifts. Some work conditions can include: standing for long periods of time and helping patients to move in bed, stand, or walk. Also, LPNs can come in contact with hazardous chemicals, radiation, and infectious diseases. They often deal with the stress of heavy workloads, while caring for patients who can be confused, irrational, agitated, or uncooperative.



Let Isothermal Community College help you become this patient's next Licensed Practical Nurse.

Educational Requirements

Isothermal Community College offers a one year diploma program to students considering the nursing field. Each year 35 LPN students are admitted into our program. The *Licensed Practical Nursing* program prepares students with the knowledge and skills required to provide nursing care to children and adults. Once a student has graduated from the LPN program he or she is eligible to take the licensure exam which is required for practice as an LPN.

General Admission Requirements

To be considered for acceptance into the LPN program, you must complete the following requirements:

- ⇒ Application for admission to Isothermal Community College.
- ⇒ Submit official copy of high school transcript or GED scores.
- ⇒ Complete the **ASSET/Compass** placement test.
- ⇒ CNA I
- ⇒ **NOTE:** If satisfactory placement scores are not met, you will need to complete developmental courses with a grade of "C" or better. All developmental courses must be completed prior to the LPN admission deadline.
- ⇒ Submit **3** references in a sealed envelope. School and/or work references are preferred.