

Frequently Asked Questions



At Trinity Health Academy, we provide our students with all the training required to be successful in their career and the National Council Licensure Examination or NCLEX-PN. Hands-on learning mixed with instruction by qualified instructors will take your education to the next level.

What is a Practical Nurse and what do they do?

A practical nurse provides basic medical and nursing care to patients as well as checking vital signs, inserting catheters, and assisting with personal care such as bathing. They can report patient progress to physicians and discuss procedures and care with patients. A practical nurse is the same thing as an LPN, which is short for Licensed Practical Nurse.

What Is the Difference Between an LPN and an RN?

RNs require more education such as a 4-year degree, 2-year degree, or completion of a hospital diploma program. LPNs work under the supervision of RNs and are not given the same level of responsibility that an RN typically receives.

How Do You Become a Licensed Practical Nurse?

To become a Licensed Practical Nurse, you'll need to attend an approved program and earn a Certificate in Practical Nursing. Once you achieve this certification, you're able to sit for the NCLEX-PN. When you pass the exam, you'll be given licensure as an entry-level LPN. It will take around a year to achieve LPN status depending on the results of your NCLEX-PN exam.

How old do I have to be to apply to the program?

Age 17 with a parent and/or guardians' permission. But age 18 to start the program.

It's been a while since I've been in school is the Practical Nursing Program Hard?

The Practical Nursing program requires dedication and commitment to study many challenging subjects in nursing, math, anatomy, and pharmacology, which may be tedious. You'll need to complete clinicals at healthcare facilities, which require research and preparation. However, we are committed to providing you with everything you need to succeed within the program including hands-on experience, mentoring, student success guidance, tutoring, and evening classes.

Do I have to take an entrance test?

Yes, you will have to take and achieve an acceptable score on the NLN Nursing Entrance Examination (NEX). Study guides are available.

Do you offer a day and evening program?

We currently only offer a part time evening program. The program is about 16 months in length, and classes are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:00p-10:30p, and Saturdays depending on the phase will be 9:30a-2:30p. Clinicals are on Friday evenings and/or Saturday 7a-7p.

How many students do you allow in each cohort?

We allow a maximum of 16 students per cohort. We believe when it comes to learning smaller class sizes are better.

I am a male should I apply?

Absolutely, males are welcomed and needed in the field of nursing.

Do you offer financial aid?

No. We have partnered with Affirm that offers loans depending on your credit. You can apply on our website with no harm to your credit score. We do offer individualized payment plans depending on your credit history. We do require a down payment which is separate from your seat deposit.

Do you offer grants or loans?

No. We encourage you to apply to Affirm, your bank or credit union, PayPal, or other third parties such as tuition reimbursement or church.

Why should I become a Practical Nurse?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of Licensed Vocational Nurses (LPN's and LVN's) is projected to grow 11 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations. Graduates of the Vocational Nursing program will meet eligibility requirements to sit for the state licensing examination, NCLEX-PN.

What are the benefits of being an LPN?

- **Varying work hours:** As an LPN, you can work full-time, part-time, or per-diem. You choose to work shifts that work well with your family. You can work the night shift to spend more time with your family during the day or work in the early morning hours to have more time in the afternoon.
- **Different workplace options:** You can work in various settings: including clinics, hospitals, long-term care facilities, physician's office, correctional facilities, homes, and more.
- **Fast track career:** You can apply to an LPN to RN program once you have successfully passed the NCLEX-PN and completed your pre-requisites.

How soon can I obtain my license after I graduate?

We recommend you test within 6 weeks upon graduating. We will prepare you and support you until the day you test and beyond.

What is the Average Salary of an LPN?

The median annual wage for licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses was \$62,340 in May 2024.

What is the Employment Outlook for an LPN?

Employment of licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses is projected to grow 3 percent from 2024 to 2034, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

About 54,400 openings for licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire.

As the population ages, the overall need for healthcare services is expected to increase. Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) will be needed in residential care facilities and in home health environments to care for older patients.

Can I become a Registered Nurse (RN) in the future?

Yes, we encourage you to further your education in nursing. The field of nursing has grown drastically over the last decade, and as older nurses retire, there will be a need to replace them.

Nursing is an incredible field for those who want a rewarding career that includes helping others. If this is you, nursing is a great choice.

For further information please check out the links below.

Reference:

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National Association of Licensed Practical Nurses
<https://nalpn.org/>

New Jersey Board of Nursing
<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/pages/applications.aspx>

National Council of State Boards of Nursing
https://www.nclex.com/files/2023_PN_Test%20Plan_FINAL.pdf