

Licensed Practical Nurses

Licensed practical nurses provide a number of services within the healthcare system, working primarily with other healthcare professionals, including physicians, registered nurses, and other members of the healthcare team. LPNs can be found in a wide variety of settings including hospitals, assisted living facilities, doctor's offices, private homes and rehabilitation centres among others.

The duties and responsibilities of the LPN include but are not limited to:

- Providing nursing services, within their defined scope of practice, to patients based on patient assessment and care planning procedures
- Performing nursing interventions such as taking vital signs, applying aseptic techniques including sterile dressing, ensuring infection control, monitoring nutritional intake and conducting specimen collection
- Administering medication and observing and documenting therapeutic effects
- Providing pre-operative and post-operative personal and comfort care
- Monitoring established respiratory therapy and intravenous therapy
- Monitoring patients' progress, evaluating effectiveness of nursing interventions and consulting with appropriate members of healthcare team
- Providing safety and health education to individuals and their families.*

*This list of duties is adapted from those provided by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, a division of the Government of Canada (2013).

(<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/noc/english/noc/2011/QuickSearch.aspx?val65=3233>)

For more information, visit the website listed below:

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