What Can I Do with Licensed Practical Nursing Diploma?

About Nursing
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.

Career/Job Opportunities
Licensed practical nurses work in a wide range of health care roles such as; acute care, long term care, community and primary health clinics, education, occupational health, public health and leadership. Licensed practical nurses work in settings ranging from hospitals to clients' homes to industrial settings. Depending on where they are employed, they may work shifts that include evenings, nights, weekends and holidays. They may be required to lift or move immobile clients or items that weigh up to 20 kilograms. Licensed practical nurses are employed by:

- acute care hospitals
- continuing care facilities
- assisted living centres
- occupational health departments
- primary care clinics and physicians' offices

Some of the jobs found below require additional experience and education/training such as a master’s or a doctorate level degree.

The ALIS (Alberta Learning Information Service) [http://alis.alberta.ca](http://alis.alberta.ca) and the Working in Canada [http://www.workingincanada.gc.ca](http://www.workingincanada.gc.ca) websites provide information about wages, education requirements, local and national employment prospects, interests and skill requirements for graduates of the Licensed Practical Nurse diploma program.

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If you would like to explore your interests, identify your goals; discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education, we encourage you to either drop by the Counselling and Career Centre in room 1402 or call 403-343-4064 to make an appointment with the Career and Employment Services Coordinator.

This career/job listing is only a sample of the opportunities available; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree. 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/).

I can look for work with my Diploma in Nursing, depending on my interests and experience, possible job titles include:

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<th>Nurse #3152</th>
<th>Private Duty Nurse #3152.1</th>
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<td>Crisis Counselor #4153</td>
<td>Forensic Nurse</td>
<td>Commissioned Office in the Military (Lieutenant)</td>
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<td>Crisis Intervention Worker #4212</td>
<td>Intensive Care Nurse #3152.1</td>
<td>Drug/ Substance Abuse Counselor #4165</td>
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<td>Public Health Nurse #3152</td>
<td>Health Educator #0311</td>
<td>School Health Nurse #3152</td>
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<td>Surgical Nursing Assistant #3414</td>
<td>Crisis Intervention Nurse</td>
<td>Critical Care Nurse #3152.1</td>
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<td>Acute Care Coordinator #3151</td>
<td>Infection Control Nurse</td>
<td>Researcher/ Research Assistant</td>
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I can look for work outside my area of study, depending on my interests and experience, possible job titles include:

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<th>Business</th>
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<td>Recruiter #1223</td>
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<td>Market Researcher #4163</td>
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<td>Public Relations Consultant #5124</td>
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<td>Entrepreneur/ Venture Capitalist</td>
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**Education**

| Educator/ Trainer #4131 | Informal Science Educator | Research Assistant/ Researcher #4164/4165 |

**Communications**

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<th>Writer #5121</th>
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<th>Producer #5131</th>
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<td>Editor #5122</td>
<td>Broadcaster #5231</td>
<td>Technical Writer #5121</td>
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<td>Web Developer/Producer</td>
<td>Reporter #5123</td>
<td>Publisher #0016</td>
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**Other**

| Community Relations Officer #6261 | Policy Analyst #4161 | Fundraiser #4212 |

**With additional education/training or experience, I can become:**

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<th>Health Policy Decision Maker</th>
<th>Politician</th>
<th>Enterostomal Therapist</th>
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<td>Surgery Nurse</td>
<td>Head Nurse #3151</td>
<td>Professor #4121</td>
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<td>Managers in Health Care #0311</td>
<td>Mental Health Counselor #4153</td>
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<td>Fundraiser #4212</td>
<td>Health Promotion Nurse</td>
<td>Policy Analyst #4161</td>
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<td>Grief Counselor #4153</td>
<td>Community Health Nurse #3152</td>
<td>International Consultant</td>
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<td>Case Manager</td>
<td>Midwife #3232</td>
<td>Research Associates</td>
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<td>Clinical Nursing Specialist: Trauma</td>
<td>Clinical Nursing Specialist: Transplant Nursing</td>
<td>Clinical Nursing Specialist: Family Nursing</td>
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**Employers** (not a comprehensive list)

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<th>Community Health Centers</th>
<th>Long-Term Care Facilities</th>
<th>Youth Organizations</th>
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<td>Private Homes</td>
<td>Special Needs Homes</td>
<td>Mental Health Institutions</td>
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<td>Public Health Departments</td>
<td>Community Health Clinics</td>
<td>Military Bases</td>
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<td>Research Firms</td>
<td>Correctional Facilities</td>
<td>Health and Sport Organizations</td>
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<td>International Health Agencies</td>
<td>First Nations and Inuit Services</td>
<td>Home Care Agencies</td>
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Summer Camps | Centers for Healthy Living | Hospitals/ Clinics
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Student Health Services | NGO | Educational Institutions
Rehabilitation Centers | Schools | Volunteer Agencies

**Major Skills of Nurses** (not a comprehensive list)

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<th>Interpersonal communication (oral and written)</th>
<th>Health and physical assessment</th>
<th>Critical and inferential thinking</th>
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<td>Knowledge of human biological, social, cultural, and psychological health factors</td>
<td>Teaching</td>
<td>Crisis Management</td>
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<td>Empathy and compassion</td>
<td>High emotional quotient and IQ</td>
<td>Ability to critically appraise and use research finding</td>
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<td>Able to observe, analyze, and interpret information</td>
<td>Work well under stress</td>
<td>Manual dexterity</td>
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<td>Knowledge of human behavior</td>
<td>Physical stamina</td>
<td>Decision making</td>
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<td>Team Player</td>
<td>Engage in ethical practice</td>
<td>Problem solving</td>
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**Listing of Potential Employers**
Red Deer Regional Hospital - [www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca)
Masterpiece by Symphony - [www.masterpiecebysymphony.com](http://www.masterpiecebysymphony.com)
Parkland Community Living and Supports Society/ Parkland Class - [www.parklandclass.org](http://www.parklandclass.org)
The Good Samaritan Society - [www.gss.org](http://www.gss.org)
Calgary Foothills Primary Care Network - [www.cfpcn.openopp.com](http://www.cfpcn.openopp.com)
Foothills Medical Centre - [www.calgaryhealthregion.ats.hrsmart.com](http://www.calgaryhealthregion.ats.hrsmart.com)
Gunn Centre - [www.housing.alberta.ca](http://www.housing.alberta.ca)
Covenant Health - [www.caritas.ab.ca](http://www.caritas.ab.ca)
Carewest - [www.carewest.ca](http://www.carewest.ca)

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Revera - www.reveraliving.com
Bethany Care Society - www.bethanycare.com

General Job Search Websites

- www.rdc.ab.ca/employment  Red Deer College Job Opportunities
- www.reddeer.ca  City of Red Deer
- http://rdcounty.ca/  Red Deer County
- http://www.reddeerchamber.com  Red Deer Chamber of Commerce
- www.reddeerconstruction.com  Red Deer Construction Association
- www.carmagroup.ca  Central Albert Rural Manufacturing Association
- www.jobbank.gc.ca
- http://ca.indeed.com/?r=us
- http://www.tourismredder.net
- www.chr.alberta.ca/jobs  Alberta provincial government
- www.jobs.gc.ca  Federal government
- www.healthjobs.ab.ca  Alberta Health Services
- http://www.rdpasd.ab.ca/Human-Resources.php  Red Deer Public School District
- www.eluta.ca
- www.reddeerjobshop.ca
- http://reddeer.kijiji.ca
- www.wegotjobs.ca
- http://talentegg.ca/
- http://www.diversifiedstaffing.com/
- www.jobster.com
- http://www.extremejobs.ca/
- www.alberta-canada.com/jobs
- www.wowjobs.ca
- www.jobpostings.ca
- www.workopolis.com
- www.albertajobs.com
- www.monster.ca

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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.nursingethics.ca
Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada - www.ornac.ca
Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec - www.oiiq.org
The Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association - www.cgna.net
Canadian Association of Neuroscience Nurses - www.cann.ca
Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada - www.anac.on.ca
Canadian Nursing Students’ Association (CNSA/AEIC) - www.cnsa.ca

RDC Department Information

Practical Nurse Program Information Sheet

Entrance Requirements
http://www.rdc.ab.ca/academic_calendar/program_course_listing/certificate_and_diploma_programs/Pages/practical_nurse_diploma.aspx

For More Info

Please contact the Career & Employment Services Coordinator
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