

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

NATURE OF THE WORK

Licensed Practical Nurses provide physical and supportive care to patients of all ages within a stabilized nursing situation. They may work independently or under the direction of a registered nurse, depending on the level of care and observation required. The LPN is able to recognize deviations from normal and is able to determine when to report changes in patient conditions and environment. The practical nurse performs duties involving basic knowledge, skills, and judgment required to participate in the nursing process.

HIGH SCHOOL PREREQUISITES

- Students will have completed a minimum of five university preparatory grade XII level courses with an overall average of 60 percent or higher and no individual grade below 60 percent.
- Grade XII academic English with a grade level of 65 percent or higher and grade XI academic mathematics are required together with at least two grade XII courses from the following: biology, chemistry, global geography, global history, mathematics, modern languages and physics.
- The remaining two grade XII subjects may be taken from the above or from other university preparatory subjects approved by the provincial department of education and acceptable to the University/College where the program of study is offered. Those courses include: accounting, computer-related studies, economics, geography, geology, law, modern world problems, home economics (human ecology), music, political science and sociology.

REQUIREMENTS

Licensed practical nurses must complete an approved practical nursing program.

Licensed practical nurses must also successfully complete the national examinations and be licensed with the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia before they can practice.

THE PROGRAM IS OFFERED

The Nova Scotia Community Colleges offers a 12-month practical nursing certificate program at five of its campuses in Nova Scotia – most recently now being offered at NSCC in Springhill, NS. The New Brunswick Community College offers a 12-month practical nursing certificate program at its Moncton Campus.

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New Brunswick Community College
Moncton Campus
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Starting in 2008 – please also see
Springhill Campus of NSCC

EARNING POTENTIAL

Licensed Practical Nurse Salary Scale - 2008
\$34,169- \$37,158

GENERAL

Individuals entering this profession should enjoy caring for people of all ages. Good communication skills and interpersonal skills are also very important. Physical demands include moving and lifting others as well as spending long periods of time on one's feet. LPN's must be able to cope with stress and occasional emergency situations. *For additional information please visit www.clpnns.ca*