

# LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE

## WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- Caring for and comforting patients
- Working to ensure successful patient recovery
- Check vital signs, such as blood pressure and temperature
- Change dressings
- Feed patients and help them with personal hygiene

## NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL WAGE INFORMATION

|                     | Entry Level Hourly Wage | 2016 Employment | Projected 2026 Employment |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Capital Area</b> | <b>\$17.34</b>          | <b>2,695</b>    | <b>3,222</b>              |
| Texas               | \$18.18                 | 71,428          | 85,033                    |
| United States       | \$16.61                 | 724,500         | 813,400                   |

## WHAT JOB TITLES SHOULD I SEARCH FOR?

- Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurse
- Medical Care Technician
- Registered Nurse

## WHERE COULD I WORK?

- Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Nursing Care Facilities
- Home Health Care Services
- Offices of Physicians
- Community Care Facilities for the Elderly

## KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED

## WHAT TYPE OF EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING WILL I NEED?

Workers in occupations at this level can develop the skills needed for average job performance after completing a training program, which lasts approximately a year, and passing a licensing exam.

## WILL I NEED A SPECIAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION?

Many occupations prefer or require at least one certification for entry or advancement. The Texas Workforce Investment Council has indicated the following as Industry– Based Certifications for this occupation: Licensed Vocational Nurse.

Primary Data Sources: Texas Workforce Commission at [texaslmi.com](http://texaslmi.com), JobsEQ at [jobseq.eqsuite.com](http://jobseq.eqsuite.com), Bureau of Labor Statistics at [bls.gov](http://bls.gov), and CareerOneStop at [careerinfonet.org](http://careerinfonet.org), national data 2019



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## CAPITAL AREA CAREER LADDER

\* Also Included on Targeted Occupation List (PY 2019)

### Nurse Practitioner

#### Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$39.22
- Median Level: \$49.61

**236 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026**

### \*Registered Nurse (RN)

#### Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$26.50
- Median Level: \$33.65

**3,225 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026**

### Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)

#### Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$17.34
- Median Level: \$22.66

**527 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026**

### \*Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

#### Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$10.68
- Median Level: \$13.42

**904 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026**

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