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# Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses

*You're in the hospital recovering from surgery. The surgeon stops by to check on you, and the registered nurse administered postoperative treatments, but it is the licensed vocational nurse who is responsible for your everyday maintenance and care on the road to recovery.*

If you are interested in a career helping patients in their day-to-day recovery from surgery, a career as a **licensed vocational nurse** may be for you.

**Licensed vocational nurses give patients basic bedside care in hospitals, nursing homes, doctors' offices, private homes and other settings. They keep an eye on the health of patients and report their progress to doctors and registered nurses.**

### **Are You Ready To...?**

- Care for confused, irrational patients who have just come out of surgery
- Comfort patients
- Work to ensure successful patient recovery
- Check vital signs, such as blood pressure and temperature
- Change dressings
- Feed patients
- Help patients with personal hygiene

### **It Helps To Be...**

Caring, sympathetic, calm and able to work as part of a team. Patients will be your primary concern, but you'll also have to follow orders and work closely with other health care providers.

### **A Day In The Life...**

- Administer injections, medications or treatments
- Analyze medical data
- Apply appropriate physical restraint
- Care for mentally ill patients
- Collect clinical data
- Collect specimens from patients
- Draw blood

### **Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area**

**Median Hourly Wage: \$22.51**

*That comes out to more than  
\$46,825 a year.*

**In 2016, we had  
2,695 Licensed Vocational  
Nurses.**

**By 2026, we'll need 3,222.**

*Could you be one of the 527?*

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## After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, many employers look for licensed vocational nurses who have graduated from a **training program** that will take about a year to complete and who have also passed a **licensing exam**.



## Top 5 Industries for Licensed Vocational Nurses

1. Home Health Care Services
2. Nursing Care Facilities
3. General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
4. Offices of Physicians
5. Employment Services

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CareerPlanning.aspx](http://www.wfscapitalarea.com/YouthServices/CareerPlanning.aspx).

## Related College Majors

- Emergency Medical Technology
- Nursing (RN)
- Physician Assistance
- Practical Nursing
- Premedicine

## Related Industry Certifications

- Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Advanced Diabetes Management
- Advanced Public Health Nurse
- Ambulatory Care Nursing

## Related Careers

- Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics
- Human-Service Assistants
- Medical Assistants
- Registered Nurses
- Surgical Technologists
- Veterinary Technologists and Technicians

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