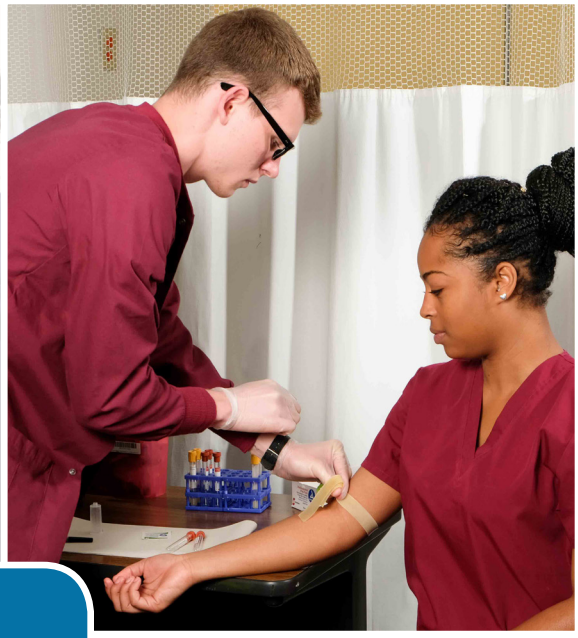
HEALTH CARE CAREER PATHWAY

CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse



Do You Like ...

... helping people?

... organization and detail?

... teaching others?

... building relationships?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' **Licensed Practical/ Vocational Nurse** career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a licensed practical/ vocational nurse, including:

- Providing basic patient care or treatments, such as taking temperature or blood pressure, under the supervision of a registered nurse.
- Observing patients, charting and reporting changes in their conditions, such as adverse reactions to medication or treatment, and taking any necessary action.
- Administering prescribed medications to patients, and noting times and amounts on patients' charts.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

- Integrity and dependability
- Attention to detail
- Concern for others
- Cooperation
- Dependability

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a licensed practical/vocational nurse, including having:

- Basic math and reading skills
- A high school diploma or the equivalent
- Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests
- An application submitted to the state regulatory authority

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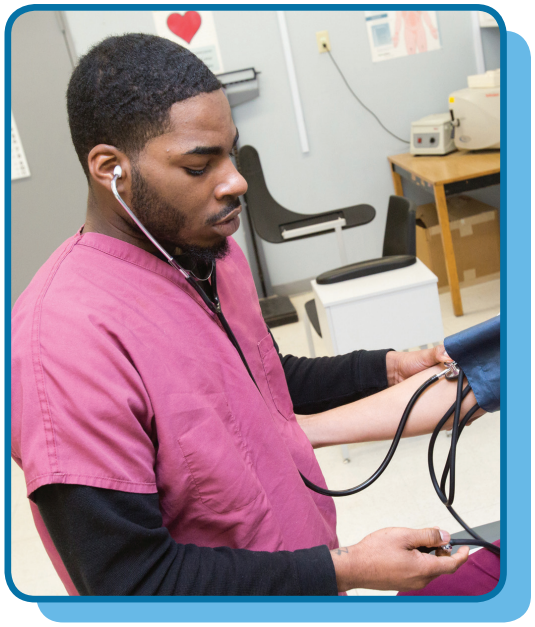
CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you **succeed in your career**. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a Health Care training program can earn **nationally recognized credentials** from the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) and a state-issued credential/license.



CAREER OPTIONS

Most **Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse graduates work with doctors and registered nurses** to perform important health care tasks, such as measuring vital signs and observing patients. Licensed practical/vocational nurses usually work full time in hospitals, physicians' offices, nursing homes, or extended care facilities.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most licensed practical/vocational nurses is **$44,000/year**.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit mynextmove.org.

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