Educational Requirements: Persons interested in becoming employed as licensed practical nurses must first graduate from an accredited training/educational program. Most practical nursing programs last about one year. Licensed Practical Nurses also have to pass a national licensing examination.

Employment Outlook

In 2008, 753,600 people were employed as LPNs in the U.S. About 25% worked in hospitals, 28% worked in nursing homes and 12% worked in doctor’s offices and clinics. Employment opportunities are expected to grow much faster than average through the year 2018 due to a rapidly aging population and the general increase in demand for health care services. However, employment in hospitals is expected to decline. Employment in nursing homes and health care services is expected to grow faster than average.

In 2006, there were approximately 18,270 LPNs employed in Missouri. This number is expected to increase to 18,850 by 2016. The growth rate for LPN’s is estimated to be 3% annually through 2014. Each year it is estimated that there will be 560 openings for LPNs in Missouri.

Kansas City employs 17% of LPNs in Missouri. Employment for LPN’s in the Kansas City area is expected to rise one to two percent per year. There will be approximately 106 job openings each year in Kansas City.

Program: Practical Nursing Certificate
CIP Code: 51.1613

This is a 43 credit hour certificate program that can be completed in three semesters if a student attends full-time (at least 16 credit hours per semester in this case).

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Companies that employed graduates from this program: Alpine North, Blue River Care Center, Brandon Woods Nursing Home, Carondelet Manor, Children's Mercy Hospital, Foxwood Springs, Greens at Creekside, Independence Regional Health Center, Indian Creek Nursing Center, John Knox Village, KC Cancer Centers, KC Home Care, Kansas City Rehab Center, KC Orthopedic Institute, KCMO Health Clinic, Kindred Hospital, KU Med Center, Liberty Hospital, Life Care Center of Grandview, Malley Surgical Weight Loss Center, Maxim Healthcare, Medical Center of Independence, North Kansas City Hospital, Olathe Medical Center, Overland Park Medical Center, Park Place Care Center, Providence Medical Center, Quintiles, Research Medical Center, Shawnee Mission Medical Center, St. Joseph Health Center, St. Luke's East, St. Luke's Hospital, St. Luke's Northland, St. Mary's Hospital, Swope Health Services, Truman Medical Center, TMC - Lakewood, VA Medical Center, Woodbine Healthcare.

Note: Time to completion involves looking at the number of semesters a typical student enrolls in order to complete the program requirements. The number of semesters is influenced by the number of credit hours a student enrolls in each semester. The number of credit hours a student enrolls in is reflective of each individual student's time, motivation and/or personal commitments.