LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

Employment of LPNs is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2021 in response to the long-term care needs of an increasing elderly population and the general growth of health care services. Home health care agencies also will offer the most new jobs for LPNs because of an increasing number of older persons with functional disabilities, consumer preference for care in the home, and technological advances that make it possible to bring increasingly complex treatments into the home. Sophisticated procedures once performed only in hospitals are being performed in physicians’ offices and in outpatient care centers such as ambulatory surgical and emergency medical centers, largely because of advances in technology. Consequently, employment of LPNs in most health care industries outside the traditional hospital setting is projected to grow faster than average.

Employment Information

**Greater Kansas City Area:** In 2016, licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses held an estimated 4,882 jobs in the fifteen counties that make up the Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), with 5,361 projected by 2021 (+10%).

**State:** Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses held an estimated 7,543 jobs in Kansas in 2016, with 8,118 jobs projected by 2021 (+8%). All together 575 openings are anticipated due to growth and the need for replacements.

**National:** Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses held 768,056 jobs in 2016, with 834,631 jobs projected by 2021 (+9%). Approximately 66,575 openings are expected due to growth and the need for replacement workers.

Salary Information

**Greater Kansas City Area:** Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses employed in the Greater Kansas City area earned an average hourly wage of $19.33 in 2016.

**State:** Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses in Kansas earned an average hourly wage of $18.65 in 2016.

**National:** Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses working full-time earned an average hourly wage of $21.05 in 2016.

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JCCC Placement and Salary Information

The JCCC Office of Institutional Research conducts a follow-up study of program completers one year after completion. One-hundred percent of the graduates who responded to the follow-up study conducted during 2015-16, and were employed, were employed in a related field. Those who were employed reported earning an average hourly wage of $18.93.

Note: Salary Information for Greater Kansas City, State, and National is based on EMSI 2016 third quarter data. JCCC information for career program completers is based on data supplied by respondents to follow-up studies and is not necessarily representative of all career program completers. Other sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics