



# PRACTICAL NURSING

## Overview

There's a certain satisfaction that comes with helping those who cannot care for themselves. If you feel this special calling, consider a career in Practical Nursing. The need for Practical Nurses is great. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses is expected to grow 25 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations.\*

ECPI University's College of Nursing offers a program that can prepare you to become an important part of the healthcare team, working under the supervision of doctors and registered nurses.

### After completing the program, you can be prepared to:

- ▶ Participate in the delivery of care to clients and families
- ▶ Use critical thinking skills to safely perform necessary cognitive, psychomotor and effective nursing skills
- ▶ Communicate effectively with clients, families, and members of the healthcare team

**What's more, you can earn your diploma in Practical Nursing in just 15 months through our year-round schedule.**



## Possible Career Track

Once you obtain state licensure you can find employment in areas that include:

- ▶ Long Term Care Facilities
- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Physicians' Offices and Urgent Care Facilities
- ▶ Corporate Occupational Health
- ▶ Public School Systems
- ▶ Home Health Agencies

## What You Can Learn

The diploma program prepares the student for licensure and entry-level employment as a practical nurse. Students perform as a member of a healthcare team and function under the supervision of an advanced practice registered nurse, registered nurse, licensed physician, licensed dentist, or other practitioner authorized by law to supervise LPN practice. The program includes classroom, laboratory, and patient care learning experiences in a clinical setting.

### At the completion of the program, the student will:

1. Function within the role of the practical nurse in the delivery of care to patients and families.
2. Communicate with patients, families, and members of the health care team.
3. Use critical thinking to safely perform requisite cognitive, psychomotor, and affective nursing skills.
4. Integrate ethical, professional, legal responsibility, and accountability into actions and decisions.
5. Assume responsibility for personal and professional growth.

\*The information in this section comes from "Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-2013 Edition"