References


Between 2008-2010 in the United States, one out of every four nurses was a licensed vocational nurse (LVN). (1)

LVNs makes up 24.6% of the nursing profession. (1)

As of 2013, there were 98,048 (or 37.6%) LVNs in Texas. (4)

27% of LVNs in Texas work in Long Term Care facilities (Nursing Homes). (4)

Licensed staff in nursing homes is predominately made up of LVNs. (1)

Texas has 44% fewer LVNs (234.7 per 100,000 population) than, for example, North Dakota, a much smaller state with (420.9 per 100,000 population). (1)

This report powerfully illustrates an urgent need for more LVNs in Texas. (1)

LVNs are dedicated to providing health care and many continue to have long careers as nurses. (2)

Employment of LVNs is expected to grow by 25% from 2012 to 2022. (5)

Working under the Texas Board of Nursing Scope of Practice, the LVN:

- Provides nursing care within a directed scope of practice.
- Practices under the supervision of a registered nurse, advance practice registered nurse, physician’s assistant, physician, podiatrist, or dentist. (3)
- Uses a systematic problem-solving process to provide individualized, goal-directed nursing care to one or multiple patients with predictable health care needs. (3)
- Cares for patients who may be sick, injured, disabled or recovering from illness or injuries. (3)
- Contributes to the plan of care for one or more patients by collaborating with interdisciplinary team members and with the patient’s family. (3)
- Provides care and evaluation of patients with various medical diagnoses (3)

Administers medications safely and competently. (3)

Performs wound assessments and wound care. (3)

Assures patient safety and injury prevention. (3)

Integrates technical skills and use of computers and equipment into nursing practice. (3)

Is qualified to work as a nurse in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, schools, physician offices, and various other health care environments in the community. (3)

Works with multiple healthcare personnel, including physicians, registered nurses, respiratory and physical therapists, dietitians, and nursing assistants. (3)