

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

Licensed practical nurses are healthcare professionals who usually work in close collaboration with nurses and physicians. They have the skills and autonomy to participate in the assessment of a person's state of health and in carrying out of a care plan. They provide nursing and medical care and treatment to maintain or restore health and prevent illness, and provide palliative care.

LPNs are employed mainly in the healthcare network, working an average of 36.25 hours per week according to a variable schedule (day, evening and night shifts). In the public sector, LPNs' salaries are based on seniority and are set by collective agreement.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Health, Assistance and Nursing program (SASI) is an 1,800 hour course that leads to a diploma of vocational studies (Diplôme d'études professionnelles—DEP) awarded by Québec's Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport.

The SASI program is available in vocational education centres and one private school. It is fully focused on the theoretical and practical nursing knowledge that LPNs need to carry out their essential role of caring for patients. For admission to the program, candidates must fulfill the conditions established by the Ministère de l'Éducation.



CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE ORDRE DES INFIRMIÈRES ET INFIRMIERS AUXILIAIRES DU QUÉBEC

Admission to the OIIAQ requires successfully completing the SASI program as well as obtaining a vocational diploma from Québec's Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, or possessing an equivalent diploma recognized by the executive committee of the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec (OIIAQ).

Students enrolled in the SASI program may be required to take an examination to gain admission to the profession. This examination becomes mandatory for all applicants in January 2016.

LPNs ARE MEMBERS OF A PROFESSIONAL ORDER

The Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers auxiliaires du Québec has a membership of more than 28,000 LPNs.

The OIIAQ's mission is to protect the public.

The OIIAQ fulfills this obligation in three ways:

- The education committee has the authority to monitor the quality of basic LPN training;
- The professional inspection committee ascertains the competencies of members;
- The disciplinary council imposes penalties on members who fail to fulfill their duties and obligations.

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LPNs ARE FOCUSED ON RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL AND QUALITY OF CARE

LPNs provide care to the population of Québec each and every day.

Licensed practical nursing requires the following competencies and abilities:

- Listening skills and empathy
- Team spirit
- Flexibility
- Organizational skills
- Good judgment
- High level of dexterity

For further information, see your vocational counselor at the vocational education centre in your area or contact the training and equivalencies department of the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers auxiliaires du Québec.

To locate a vocational education centre offering the SASI program, visit inforoutefpt.org.

