

# LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) are healthcare professionals who usually work in close collaboration with nurses and physicians. They have the skills and autonomy to contribute in the assessment of a patient'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.

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Health, Assistance, and Nursing program (programme de Santé, assistance et soins infirmiers or SASI in French) is an 1,800-hour program that leads to a diploma of vocational studies (DVS) awarded by Québec Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES).

Health, Assistance, and Nursing 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 et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES).



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

Admission to the OIIAQ requires successfully completing the Health, Assistance, and Nursing program as well as obtaining a vocational diploma from Québec Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES), or having obtained an equivalent diploma and/or training by the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers auxiliaires du Québec (OIIAQ).

As of November 19, 2015, students must pass a licensure examination in order to obtain the licence to practice as LPNs.

## LPNs ARE MEMBERS OF A PROFESSIONAL ORDER

The Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers auxiliaires du Québec has a membership of more than 29,000 LPNs.

The OIIAQ's mission is to protect  
the public.

The OIIAQ fulfills this obligation in three ways:

- The training committee has the authority to monitor the quality of initial 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, contact 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 Health, Assistance, and Nursing program,  
visit [inforoutefpt.org](http://inforoutefpt.org).



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