

LPN vs RN

Dickinson State University Nursing

Aspect	LPN	RN
Education	Typically 1 year certificate	4 years (BSN) or 2 years (ADN)
Licensure	NCLEX-PN	NCLEX-RN
Scope of Practice	Basic Patient Care	Comprehensive Nursing Care
Career Advancement	Limited, often requires further education for RN	More opportunities for specialization and leadership roles

What is an LPN?

Role

LPNs provide basic nursing care under the supervision of RNs and doctors.

Choose if:

- You want to enter the workforce quickly.
- You prefer a shorter educational program.
- You are interested in providing direct patient care in a supporting role.

What is an RN?

Role

RNs have a broader scope of practice and can provide more complex nursing care.

Choose if:

- You aspire to have a broader scope of practice and more responsibilities.
- You are interested in advanced nursing roles or specializations.
- You want to pursue leadership positions in healthcare.

Nursing
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LPN Certificate Program

Duration: 3 semesters

Outcome: Graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN exam to become LPNs



BSN Program

Duration: 4 years

Outcome: Graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam to become RNs

Harness your passion for care; the future of nursing is in your hands.

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