# **Quick Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) Facts**

## **TRENDS**

CA trends - state and national trends predict a 21% increase in LVN jobs in California by 2024.

Approximately 3,240 job openings per year.

National trends - According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), there were around 719,900 LPN jobs in the U.S. in 2014. The BLS projects that around 117,300 <u>new</u> LPN jobs will be added by the year 2024 - which will bring the total to more than **837,000 jobs** 

#### **EARNINGS**:

In 2016, the **mean** income for LVNs in the state of California was \$52,670 with upward mobility to \$72,000 per year.

## TOP FACTORS AFFECTING LVN JOB OUTLOOK

Thousands of LVN/LPNs are already employed in the United States. Many factors are responsible for this phenomenon, including:

- **Aging Population** One of the top reasons for the huge spike in demand for LVN/LPNs around the country is the rapidly aging Baby Boomer population. This massive group is heading into their elder years which means that there will be more demand for senior care services and the like.
- **Health Insurance Reform** Thanks to health insurance reform, which continues to be an ongoing process, more people have access to coverage than ever. This means that people are more likely to visit the doctor, so there is more work for LVN/LPNs.
- **Preventive Care** The rise of health insurance reform has prompted a surge in demand for preventive care services. As a result, more otherwise well people are going in for check-ups than at any time in recent memory. This means that clinics and doctor's offices are busier, so the staff needs more support.

## ATTRACTIVE INCENTIVES

Many things compel people to become LPNs, but job security is chief among them. Knowing that you will always be able to find gainful employment regardless of where you live is incredibly comforting. Better still, as an LPN, you will always be able to further your education to become an RN should you decide to do so.

## **BENEFITS TO COMPLETING an LVN PROGRAM**

- High employment need!
- Build strong Nursing Skills
- Build strong Soft skills (communication, leadership, self-confidence, problem-solving, critical thinking)
- Less competitive entry into the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of an ADN program
- Only one semester of pre-requisites before applying to enter.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT**

LVN's are getting hired at all healthcare types of facilities. These opportunities include but are not limited to: hospitals, schools, home health care, hospice, clinics, doctor offices, urgent cares, long term care, research, case management, insurance companies, equipment/pharmaceutical sales, correctional, rehabilitations and out-patient facilities,