

Muskegon Community College's Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program has been ranked the best in Michigan in 2021 by Best Value Schools.

"Our Practical Nurse grads serve in many vital roles to meet the health needs of our community," said MCC Nursing Program Coordinator Beth Kroll. "These nurses make a difference every day in the lives of the patients and families they work with. The Practical Nursing Program at MCC is part of a ladder design which allows PN grads to return for their ADN with just two semesters to complete. Many of our students obtain their PN license and return later to complete their RN coursework."

An essential part of a healthcare team, LPNs monitor vital statistics, administer basic care, and communicate concerns to registered nurses and doctors. LPNs in Michigan are required to complete a state-approved education program as well as clinical hands-on training for patient interaction. Then LPNs must register and pass the NCLEX-PN to become licensed in the state.

At MCC, LPN students consistently achieve a 97-100% pass rate on their NCLEX-PN tests.

"Since value isn't something that can be measured by a single statistic, we've tried to pick the most important attributes to highlight from each school," noted Best Value Schools, which has been conducting national rankings since 2013, in outlining its methodology. "Every school received a score based on multiple factors, then was ranked accordingly. The following sections highlight the main school attribute that defined at least 50 percent or more of each school's score, resulting in that page's final ranking."

For MCC, Best Value Schools emphasized that students interested in the nursing program can earn their LPN or diploma in Practical Nursing and an Associate Degree in Nursing. They can also take advantage of small classes and flexible schedules at MCC, which is nationally accredited by both the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and whose nursing program is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

In establishing its rankings, Best Value Schools also considers other factors, such as the cost of attendance, faculty experience, student feedback, the number of online offerings, student resources, graduation rate, job placement and total enrollment.

"While a higher education degree will, on average, increase your lifetime earnings, it's also a major financial investment," they explained. "That's why our ranking prioritizes value metrics like degree-specific ROIs and career outcomes."

For more information, visit <https://www.bestvalueschools.org/lpn-programs-in-michigan/#ranking-1>.