What do I learn?
Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) care for the sick, injured, convalescent, and disabled under the direction of physicians and registered nurses.
- LPNs provide basic bedside care, taking vital signs such as temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and respiration. They also prepare and give injections and enemas, monitor catheters, apply dressings, and treat bedsores.
- LPNs monitor their patients and report adverse reactions to medications or treatments. They collect samples for testing, perform routine laboratory tests, feed patients, and record food and fluid intake and output. To help keep patients comfortable, LPNs assist with bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene. They administer prescribed medicines and start intravenous fluids. LPNs help deliver, care for, and feed infants. Experienced LPNs may supervise nursing assistants and aides.
- LPNs in hospitals and nursing care facilities work a 40-hour week, because patients need around-the-clock care. Some work nights, weekends, and holidays.

Qualities for success
- Success in any industry or occupation depends on technical skills and personal qualities. The Practical Nurse Career Major strives to develop both the technical and interpersonal skills necessary for success in the nursing profession.
- According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, LPNs should have a caring, sympathetic nature. They should be emotionally stable, because working with the sick and injured can be stressful. They also should have keen observational, decision-making, and communication skills. As part of a healthcare team, they must be able to follow orders and work under close supervision. The median annual income for LPNs can be found at www.okcis.intocareers.org.

How do I apply?
- To apply for your new career at Great Plains Technology Center, your first step is to call for an appointment with a Career Counselor at 580.250.5535

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:
- All official transcripts; Technical, & College
- Any current health certification cards