

# LPN'S CALL THE SHOTS

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## Job Duties for LPNs

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## Benefits

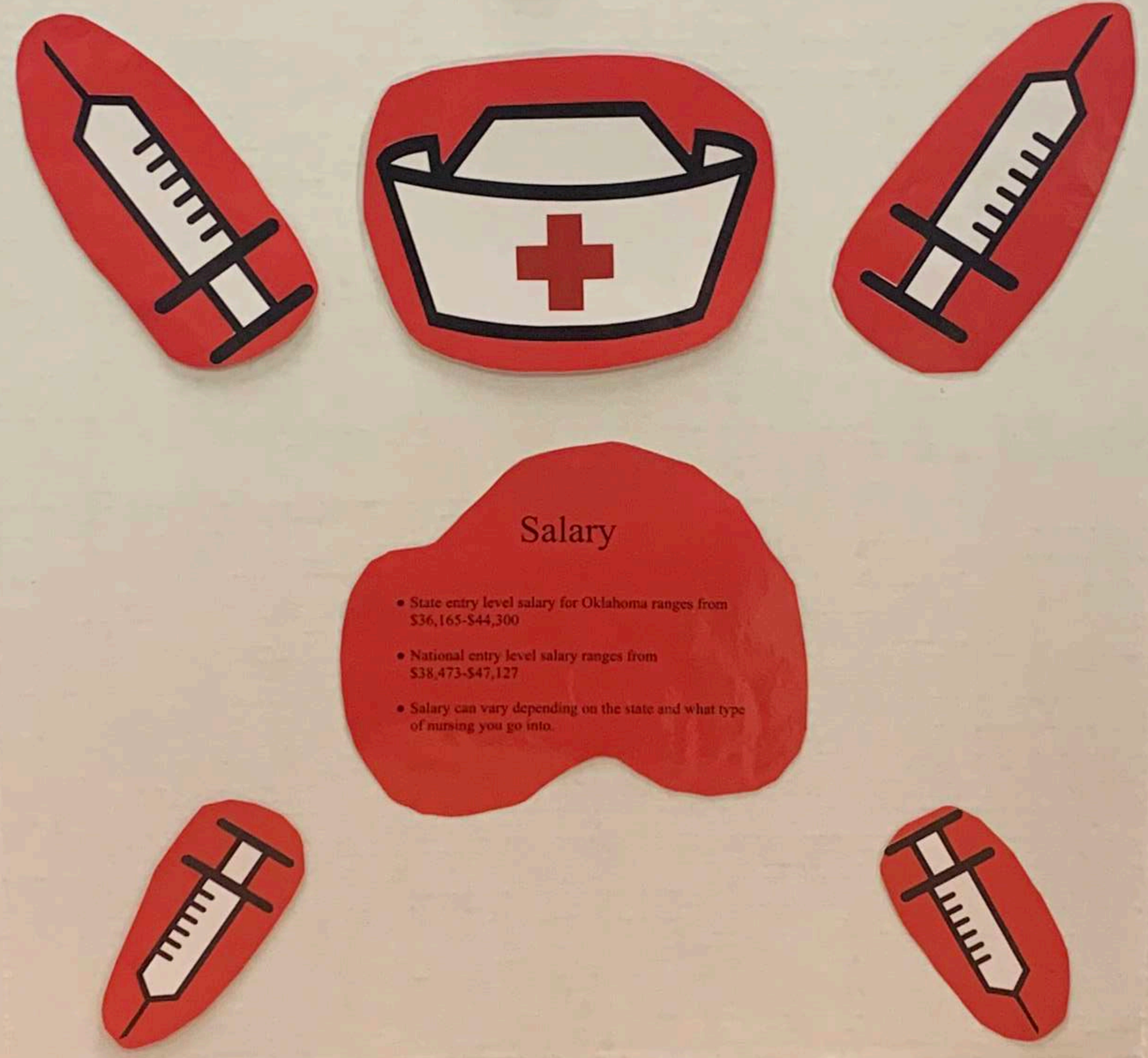
- You can further your education
- It is an in-demand job
- There are numerous fields to work in
- Caring for someone's loved one
- Helping people achieve health and wellness
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## Salary

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## Challenges

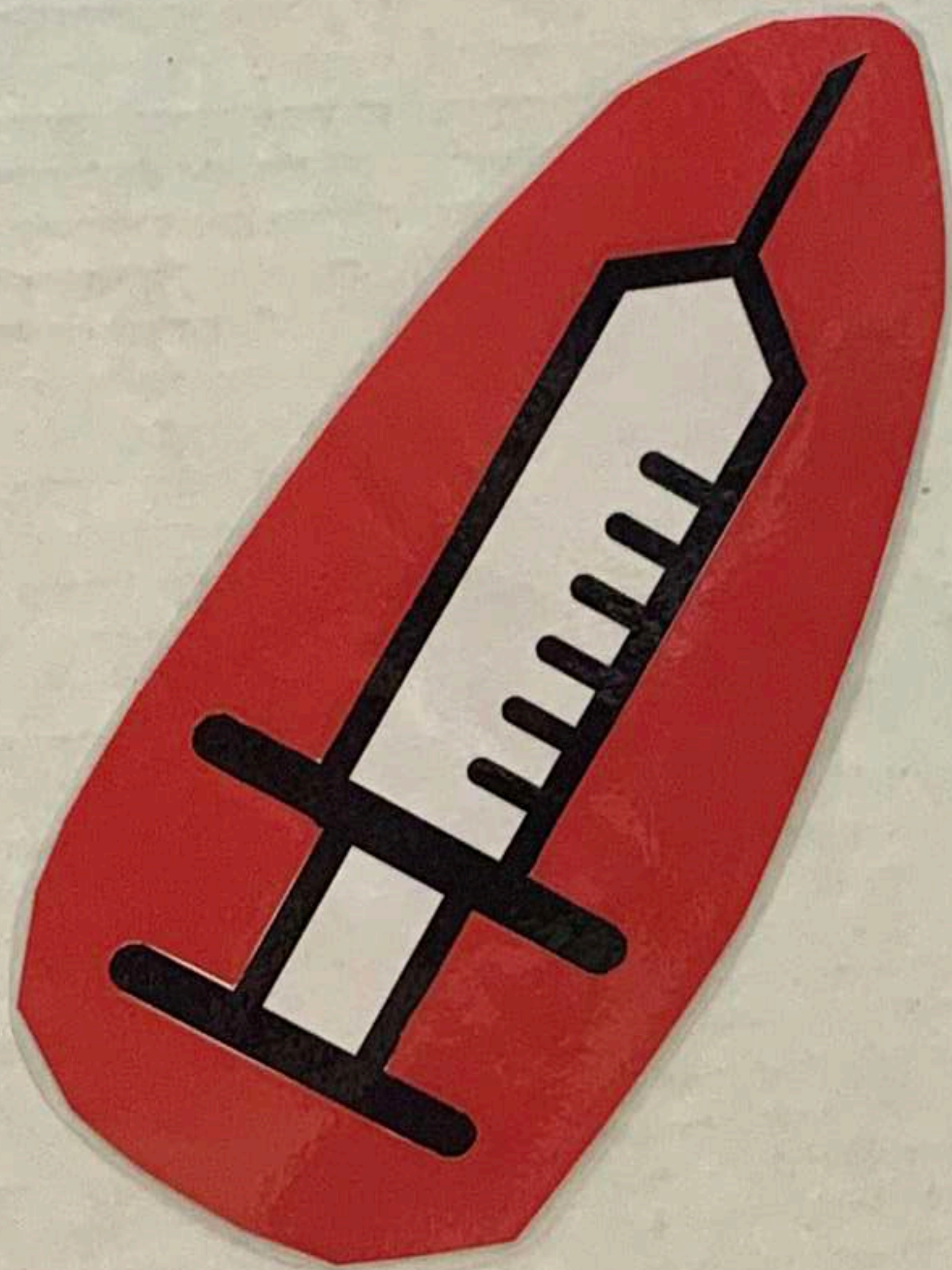
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