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Greetings,

DDS is excited to announce the extension of the LPN Certificate Program into the 2026-2027 school year! DDS will support up to 30 full-time Direct Support Workers (DSWs), Recreation Therapists, and Residential Supervisors<sup>1</sup> statewide with, up to a \$20,000 lifetime benefit in tuition, fees and mandatory LPN certificate program expenses.

To be eligible, a DSW, Recreation Therapist or Residential Supervisor must...

1. Have worked as a DSW, Recreation Therapist or Residential Supervisor for at least 2 years,
2. Be in good standing with their job performance (EPRS),
3. Be accepted into one of Massachusetts's 19 full-time LPN certificate programs, and
4. Apply for **and be accepted** into the DDS's LPN Certificate Program
  - a. The 4 DDS Regions will make decisions based on their needs and other criteria
  - b. Thirty (30) DSWs, Recreation Therapists and Residential Supervisors will be accepted statewide

In return, the DSW, Recreation Therapist or Residential Supervisor needs to commit to work for two years as an LPN with DDS upon completion of the program and licensure.

If you are an eligible DSW, Recreation Therapist or Residential Supervisor and interested in the LPN Certificate Program, please review [the information at the link here](#) and **attend an upcoming information session.**

The information session registration links are here:

[2/11/2026 9-10am Info Session:](#)

[2/12/2026 4-5pm Info Session:](#)

Once you register using the above link, please save the Zoom meeting information on your calendar (Outlook, Google, etc.).

We encourage you to explore which programs near you are of interest, find out what pre-requisites you need to complete to be accepted and the application deadlines. You can also send questions to this email box: [ddscooperationsemail@mass.gov](mailto:ddscooperationsemail@mass.gov).

We look forward seeing you at the next information session and another great year of this program.

Thank you.

DDS Management

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<sup>1</sup> DDS will admit up to one Residential Supervisor for the 2026-2027 school year for each of the four DDS regions.