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## Practical Nurse

### Provide vital care to patients in need.

The Practical Nurse program provides students with the knowledge and clinical skills necessary to enter the healthcare field as a Practical Nurse. Graduates of the Practical Nurse program are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN licensure examination. Passing this exam is required to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

Practical Nurses provide basic medical care, including:

- 1 Monitoring a patient's health by checking vital signs
- 1 Administering wound care and inserting catheters
- 1 Providing for the basic comfort of patients, such as helping them bathe or dress
- 1 Reporting a patient's medical status to the registered nurse and/or physician
- 1 Maintaining patient health records
- 1 Collecting specimens

Practical Nurse graduates provide care to their patients in a variety of healthcare environments, including physicians' offices, clinics, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers, and home healthcare settings.

Benefit from:

- 1 A strong foundation in both the theory and techniques of clinical nursing
- 1 Hands-on learning in on-site nursing laboratories that simulate various clinical environments
- 1 Opportunities to practice communication and interpersonal skills needed for developing a rapport with colleagues and patients
- 1 Valuable, practical experience gained through the completion of clinical rotations at off-campus healthcare facilities, under the supervision of Registered Nurse instructors and professional practitioners
- 1 Eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-PN licensure examination to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

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