

Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

This is a high-quality, comprehensive, one-year (Full-time) and two-year (Part-time) education that prepares graduates for employment as Licensed Practical Nurses in a wide variety of health-care settings. The Career & Technology Center's Practical Nursing Program currently has a 96% average pass rate for the last two years on the State Board licensing exam.

This Program is open to high school graduates or G.E.D. equivalents. Application information can be obtained by logging on to our website at www.gactc.edu, or by calling 814-946-8490. High School seniors may apply at any time during their senior year. A \$40 non-refundable application fee is due with the submission of your application. This fee covers the cost of the pre-admission aptitude test, which is administered at the school once your application is received. Pre-admission testing is conducted from October through May, as needed. The school year runs from August to August, with class 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and clinical 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the full-time program. The part-time program hours vary, but are evenings and weekends. Current tuition is \$9,900 for the full-time 2010-11 program. Tuition for the part-time 2010-12 program is \$10,200. Financial aid is available.

PRACTICAL NURSING CLINICAL SITES

Students in the Practical Nursing Program have a wide variety of clinical experiences. Sites attended throughout the year include:

<u>Altoona Regional Health System</u>	<u>Veteran's Administration Medical Center</u>
- Medical-Surgical Units	
- Obstetrics	
- Pediatrics	<u>Village at Morrisons Cove</u>
- Emergency Department	
- Renal Dialysis	<u>Valley View Home</u>
- Post Anesthetic Care Unit	
- Cardiac Cath Lab	<u>Altoona Center for Nursing Care</u>
- Nuclear Medicine	
- Charge Nurse/Med. Pass	<u>Presbyterian Home</u>
- Ostomy Team	
- I V Team	<u>Hollidaysburg Ambulance Assoc.</u>
- Wound Clinic	
<u>Day Care Centers</u>	
- Hollidaysburg Area YMCA Childrens Center	<u>Altoona Mobile Emergency Department (A.M.E.D.)</u>
- Lily Pond Child Development	<u>Pregnancy Care Center</u>
	<u>American Red Cross</u>
<u>Allegheny Pain Management</u>	<u>Pediatrician's Offices</u>
<u>Altoona Surgery Center</u>	<u>Garvey Manor</u>
<u>Homewood at Martinsburg</u>	
<u>The Lutheran Home at Hollidaysburg</u>	

HIRING AGENCIES

Practical Nursing graduates have been hired by the following agencies:

- Altoona Regional Health System
- V.A Medical Center
- Nason Hospital
- Tyrone Hospital
- Healthsouth Rehab. Hospital
- Valley View Home
- The Village at Morrisons Cove
- Altoona Center for Nursing Care
- Lutheran Home at Hollidaysburg
- Garvey Manor
- Homewood at Martinsburg
- Epworth Manor
- Donahue Manor
- Physicians' Offices
- Charter Behavioral – Cove Forge
- Area Prisons
- Medical Staffing Agencies
- American Red Cross
- Penn Knoll Village
- Hillview Care Center
- Pyramid Health Care
- Presbyterian Home

JOB PLACEMENT

The Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center currently has a 100% job placement rate within two months of graduation for job applicants!