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OCVTS Program: Practical Nursing

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Class of: 2015

Center: Toms River

In Fred's own words: For twenty-eight years, I worked in the Atlantic City Casino table games industry. I began at Bally's Casino as a Black Jack dealer in 1986, and finally ending up as a gaming supervisor at the Revel. After losing my job due to casino industry downsizing, I researched a career in nursing. I took a placement exam. Unfortunately, I did not pass the test, having not opened an educational book in nearly 30+ years. I did not give up. I rescheduled the test as soon as it became available, passing it comfortably this time. On September 2, 2014, we closed the doors of Revel. On September 3, 2014, my nursing journey began with OCVTS.

I believe the LPN program at OCVTS to be one of the best educational opportunities available. They have top notch instructors with support and encouragement every step of the way. The school has one of the highest NCLEX pass-rate percentages of any program available. I found all of the staff to be warm, inviting, and very professional. They will help you get right on track after completion with job placement. This program will not be easy, but if you have the desire and drive, they will help get you where you want to be.



Currently, I am employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Seacrest Village Nursing Facility in the Dementia Unit. I find the staff to be friendly and helpful with a sincere dedication to first-rate resident care. There are many dedicated healthcare professionals around me with a wealth of knowledge for me to gain from, for which I am truly grateful. Everyone is approachable with a sincere willingness to help in any situation. I feel honored to be a part of the Seacrest Village team.

Heartfelt words from Lisa Rivera, LPN, 3rd Floor Unit Manager at Seacrest Village, "Fred has been working full time on our very busy Alzheimer's Unit. He is very patient, detail oriented, and responsible. His documentation and skills are excellent, and he is always taking advantage of opportunities to learn more. Fred knows his assignments very well and works hard to give the best care to his residents. His residents' families visit often. They are very comfortable with Fred taking care of their loved ones. I am very happy to have Fred as a District Nurse on my unit."