Our Practical Nursing Program is a focused 10-month journey designed to prepare students for success in the nursing field. Classes begin in September and conclude in June, with class hours running from 8:30am to 2:30pm, Monday thru Friday. Clinical hours, offering hands-on learning experiences, are generally held from 7:30am to 1:30pm and may vary depending on the specialty. This intensive program blends classroom and lab instruction with real-world clinical practice to fully equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in their nursing careers.

#### OCVTS PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM OUR ADMISSIONS STAFF ARE ALWAYS READY TO ASSIST YOU

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# OCEAN COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

# **Mission Statement**

The mission of Ocean County Vocational Technical School is to provide an intensive and immersive educational experience aligned with the current and emerging demands of business, industry and advanced education. We instill the knowledge, skills and competencies required for students to experience success in entering the workforce, advancing along a career pathway and achieving career aspirations.

It is the policy of the Board of Education of Ocean County Vocational Technical School not to discriminate in its technical programs, vocational opportunities, activities, employment practices or admission policies and practices on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, affectional and sexual orientation, disability or social or economic status. Lack of English language skills will not be a deterrent to admission to any program at Ocean County Vocational Technical School.

Inquiries regarding affirmative action, discrimination (including Federal Title IX requirements), sexual harassment or equity should be directed to:

Dr. Michael Maschi, Title IX/Affirmative Action Office 732.240.6414 (ext. 3318) Melanie Patterson, Federal Section 504 Officer 732.244.1122 (ext. 3123) Melanie Patterson, Americans with Disabilities Officer 732.244.1122 (ext. 3123)



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# 10 Month Accelerated Practical Nursing Program

Empowering Future Nurses Transforming Healthcare



Offered by the Ocean County Vocational Technical School District, approved by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and the New Jersey Department of Education



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## DIRECT CARE TRAINING ENABLES OUR STUDENTS TO BECOME EXCEPTIONAL LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

A Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) is a healthcare professional who provides essential nursing care under the supervision of registered nurses (RNs) and doctors.

> They perform tasks such as monitoring vital signs, administering medications, assisting with personal hygiene, and ensuring patient comfort.

LPNs play a vital role in patient care by combining clinical skills with compassion to support individuals across various healthcare settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home health environments.

## COMMITTED TO PROVIDING STUDENTS AN EDUCATION THAT PREPARES THEM TO BE NURSING LEADERS OF TOMORROW

OUR NURSING PROGRAM IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE, COMBINING RIGOROUS ACADEMICS WITH IMMERSIVE, HANDS-ON EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING. THIS COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH EQUIPS OUR STUDENTS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND CONFIDENCE NEEDED TO EXCEL IN THEIR FUTURE CAREERS WITHIN THE DYNAMIC NURSING INDUSTRY.

Graduates will receive an esteemed Ocean County Vocational Technical School diploma, conferred by the Ocean County Vocational Technical School Board of Education. Upon completion, students are fully prepared and eligible to sit for the state licensing examination (NCLEX-PN). Once licensed, practical nurses are equipped with the skills and credentials to pursue rewarding careers in hospitals, healthcare facilities, and institutions across New Jersey that provide exceptional nursing care.

# OUR PHILOSOPHY IS TO EDUCATE, TRAIN, AND PROVIDE THE BEST LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR NURSING STUDENTS

At OCVTS, the practical nurse educators, administration, and Board of Education of the Ocean County Vocational Technical School, provide and support a Practical Nursing curriculum for adult learners with the necessary foundation to obtain employment as an adept, practical nursing professional in a healthcare setting. By delivering all-encompassing coursework that includes nursing theories and practices, simulation labs, and clinical experiences, we empower our graduates with the experience, knowledge, and skills necessary to succeed in the field of nursing. We believe it is our responsibility to help our students develop the essential problem solving abilities, critical thinking skills and professional behaviors that will catapult them into the global landscape of the healthcare community, ultimately optimizing the patient-care experience. Our students will be a competent healthcare team member, who values inclusivity between patients, the interprofessional healthcare team, and families; thus providing high-quality care. The scope and breadth of all activities associated with the practical nursing program are developed to foster our students ability to function as nursing professionals in the contextual framework of healthcare.

#### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have satisfactorily completed four years at an accredited high school or obtained high school completion status.

- Application submitted with fee
- Written Essay
- Pre-Nursing Seminar
- Meet score requirement for online pre-admission test (TEAS)
- High school transcript or equivalent
- Satisfactory criminal background check
- Satisfactory drug screening
- Interview with staff member

Once a candidate's file is complete, the admissions team will evaluate it for acceptance. Accepted applicants must provide proof of satisfactory health through a physical examination, including lab tests, immunizations, and required vaccinations. Compliance with health requirements is mandatory for all OCVTS Practical Nursing Program students to meet New Jersey laws and program standards while ensuring the safety of students and patients. All vaccinations must be up to date to attend clinicals. If a student cannot participate in clinicals due to incomplete or expired vaccinations, the program is not responsible for arranging alternative clinical sites.

#### FACULTY + STAFF

At OCVTS, our nursing instructors are highly educated and experienced professionals dedicated to shaping the next generation of nurses. With diverse backgrounds in clinical practice and education, they bring real-world expertise into the classroom, enriching the learning experience with practical insights and hands-on training. Our instructors are committed to fostering a supportive and dynamic environment that prepares students for success in the ever-evolving healthcare field. Their passion for teaching and mentoring ensures that each student receives the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to excel in their nursing careers.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES + OUTLOOK

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) enjoy diverse employment opportunities in hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health care, clinics, schools, and more. With a projected 3% job growth from 2023 to 2033, approximately 54,000 annual openings will arise due to workforce changes and retirements. The growing need for healthcare services, driven by an aging population and chronic conditions, sustains demand for LPNs. As of May 2023, the median annual wage for LPNs was \$59,730, with competitive salaries in New Jersey, a top-paying region for the profession.

# + SHAPING THE FUTURE OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICES