

Employment Opportunities...

Practical Nurses work in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, doctor's offices, public health units, schools and private industry. They provide care for the physically and mentally ill.

The employment outlook is excellent. Employment opportunities are expected to continue to rise faster than the average for all occupations as this field of employment responds to the needs of a growing population.



Practical Nursing...



DeSoto County School of
Practical Nursing

An Equal Opportunity
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FL Statute 228-2001

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A Vocational Job
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DeSoto County School of Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)



A career for the
21st century

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DESOTO COUNTY
DIVISION OF
CAREER & ADULT EDUCATION
ARCADIA, FLORIDA**



Prerequisites.....

- ♦ Applicant must **Either** have a valid Florida CNA license and worked in the nursing field within the last year and be able to request transcripts for completion of the CNA program **Or** have completed the Articulated Nursing Assistant program (165 hours) and applied for the CNA license.
- ♦ Academic testing is required and minimum academic scores are necessary prior to completion of the program.
- ♦ Applicants must have a high school diploma from an accredited high school or equivalent (GED), be free of contagious diseases and be physically able to lift patients.
- ♦ Applications for the Practical Nursing Program are available in January and are due mid April. Reference letters and a series of interviews must be completed in the application process. Classes begin in August of each year and consist of 1350 hours of instruction.



Instruction.....

Instruction takes place in the classroom, laboratory and clinical environment. Students are taught to care for patients whose conditions are relatively stable and free from complexity, and to assist the registered nurse in caring for patients with more complex nursing needs. Students also learn to provide for the physical and emotional comfort of the patients. In addition to care services, students are taught to administer medications and therapeutic treatments under the direction of a registered nurse or licensed physician.

Program Outline...

Classroom

- ♦ Orientation
- ♦ Safety
- ♦ Employability skills
- ♦ Structure and function of the body
- ♦ Nutrition
- ♦ Human growth and development
- ♦ Nursing needs of the patients
- ♦ Fundamentals of nursing
- ♦ Geriatric nursing
- ♦ Medical/surgical nursing of adults and children
- ♦ Pharmacology
- ♦ Maternity nursing
- ♦ Mental health nursing

Clinical

- ♦ Fundamental skills
- ♦ Maternal/neonatal
- ♦ Psychiatric
- ♦ Pharmacology
- ♦ Medical/surgical
- ♦ Geriatrics