

# PRACTICALNURSING TRAINING PROGRAM

The Practical Nursing (PN) program at FSTE is approved by the Illinois Nursing Board, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) and the Division of Private Business and Vocational Schools of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE.) Practical nurses (PN) function as members of the health team and actively involved with care throughout the life span. Functioning within the provisions of the Illinois Nurse Practice Act of 2017 (Article 55) and State of Illinois Nursing Rules (Administrative Code: Title 68(b), the practical nurse provides and manages care and participates in teaching and research under the supervision of a registered professional nurse, licensed physician, dentist, or podiatrist. Practical nursing education combines clinical experiences and theoretical knowledge encompassing the nursing process, communication and the biological and social sciences. Education incorporates a teaching-learning process resulting in positive changes within each student. FSTE applies the Novice to Expert theory by Patricia Benner throughout the threads of the Practical nurse program. Novice to Expert theory reveals knowledge is accrued and embedded in nursing education and practice over time. The faculty fosters an environment and curriculum which increases the knowledge and skill acquisition of the perspective student.

FSTE's Practical Nursing program is a 16 month Certificate program preparing individuals to function in the practical nurse role. Individuals completing the practical nursing program meet the education requirements and are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN exam to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN.) and receive a Certificate of Completion from FSTE. Currently the Practical Nurse Certification Program is being delivered via the "hybrid" methodology. Theory/class sessions are conducted at this time via ZOOM; laboratory sessions are delivered on site at FSTE and clinical sessions are delivered in person at affiliating health facilities.

## PRACTICAL NURSE TRAINING PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be 18 years of age upon registration
- Official High School Transcripts/GED/College Transcripts
- GPA 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Required criminal Background check – In compliance with Health Care Worker Background Check. Applicants with disqualifying felony convictions are discouraged from continuing with the program until a Waiver from IDPH is obtained.
- State issued picture identification and social security card
- HESI (Health Education Systems Incorporated) A2 Entrance Exam in Reading, Math, Science, Grammar & English. The exam is a non-refundable \$60.00 fee. All students seeking admission to FSTE's LPN program are required to take the HESI A2 entrance exam. Students are provided two (2) attempts at A2 HESI entrance exam only. Students must achieve a score of 78% or higher to be considered for admission
  - Students not achieving 78% on HESI admission testing in each area may be admitted as "Students at Risk"
- All Students must take A&P course at FSTE
- Foreign Transcripts – students must request to have official transcripts sent to a recognized credential evaluation service. The results of the evaluation must be sent from the agency.

- **Certified Nurse Assistant Certification, Certified Medical Assistant, and/or Certified EMT in good standing on Illinois Department of Public Health Nurse Aide Registry.**
- **Submit three (3) letters of reference with admissions application.**
  - **One (1) supervisory work reference on letter head and signed with demographic information**
  - **Two (2) character references from persons not related to the applicant, signed with contact information**
- **500 Word typed Essay on topic chosen by Admissions committee**
- **Interview with Program Director/CEO**
- **If accepted: Mandatory Orientation**

**ADDITIONAL ADMISSION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

- **Current CPR (BLS)**
- **Physical Examination by a licensed physician (see clinical requirements.)**
- **Drug Screen**
- **Liability Insurance – Clinical training involves lifting, direct contact with patients/residents and other activities. Each student is responsible for acquiring and maintaining necessary insurance coverage through his/her enrollment in the program. Proof of coverage is to be presented to FSTE prior to start of program**
- **Medical Insurance**
- **Students at risk will be required to take a Comprehensive NCLEX Review Course before taking the NCLEX-PN state board exam. The cost of review \$500.00 for course plus \$25.00 for review text book.**
- **If accepted – must attend mandatory Orientation Session**

**TUITION**

<b>Total cost (includes books and fees)</b>	<b>\$22,856.00</b>
<b>Registration and seat deposit</b>	<b>\$ 850.00 (deducted from total cost)</b>
<b>TUITION PER COURSE</b>	<b>\$2,006.00 *Payment Plans available: (pay in full: ½ down final payment due on or before the 4<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> week of class depending on course length)</b>

**Practical Nurse Schedule      CLICK ON [PRACTICAL NURSE SCHEDULE](#) FOR LIST OF CLASSES, INCLUDING TIMES START AND END DATES**