## HOMESTEAD NEWS: VOCATIONAL NURSING CLASSES PLANNED FOR JANUARY 2016

Homestead Schools in Torrance, Calif. is planning to open new classes for its vocational nursing program in January 2016. It hopes to have a morning, evening and weekend schedule to accommodate the work hours of students.

The school underwent an accreditation visit by ABHES, its accrediting agency, in the last few months and it hopes to have its full accreditation renewed for a term of four years. The school also hopes to have its approval by the Board of Vocational Nursing renewed before the end of the year for a full term of four years. The school has always maintained its status as a fully approved school since inception in 2007.

To beef up the clinical experience of its vocational nursing students in the critical areas of maternity and pediatrics, the school secured clinical affiliations with several medical clinics and a hospital. The people in the industry know how important (and how difficult) it is to get such clinical rotations and Homestead is fortunate in being able to provide the best clinical experience to its students.

The school is striving hard to accomplish its mission of educating and preparing young people for the exacting and every-expanding field of health care. In the 3Q2015, seventy-three percent of its vocational nursing students passed the NCLEX. The school is able to maintain its pass rate within the board-mandated guidelines but the school also recognizes there's ample room for improvement. The school constantly encourages its students to work hard toward achieving their goal and makes available to them all the tools to succeed.

On another note, Homestead's RN-to-BSN program is now in full swing. Most of these students have opted for classroom instruction although there are several who prefer the online option. All of them are looking forward to earning their bachelor's degree next year and then advance toward master's. Here too the school has gone one step further by offering general education credit courses to students who need them to fulfill their prerequisites.

If you need more information on any of its programs, contact the admissions department at (310) 791-9975. The school is located at 23800 Hawthorne Blvd., Ste 200, Torrance, CA 90505