

Homestead Schools Posts an Impressive Pass Rate

NCLEX pass rate statistics for the vocational nursing program were announced in early November. Homestead Schools for the third quarter 2016 scored a pass rate of 86% for first-time graduates compared to California quarterly pass rate of 76%. The average annual pass rate (October 2015 – September 2016) for the school was 88% compared to 75% for the State of California.

The school has maintained its pass rate for the vocational nursing program well above that of California consistently for the past year including two quarters this year when its pass rate was 100%. These pass rates are a reflection of the school's dedicated efforts to help its students achieve their dream of entering the highly rewarding healthcare field.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2016-2017) the job market for vocational nursing is expected to grow 16% which is well above any other vocational field. The median pay for licensed vocational nurses is \$20.76 per hour or \$43,170 per annum. Typical entry-level education for the vocational nursing program is high-school diploma or equivalent certificate.

Licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) provide basic medical care. They work under the direction of registered nurses and doctors. LVNs typically monitor patients' health, provide wound care including changing bandages and inserting catheters and report patients' status and concerns to registered nurses and doctors. Depending on their work setting they may reinforce teaching done by registered nurses regarding how family members should care for a relative; help to deliver, care for, and feed infants; collect samples for testing and do routine laboratory tests; or feed patients who need help eating.

If you're a high-school graduate and actively looking to enter a lifelong career in health care, you should consider vocational nursing as a stepping stone. Many LVNs gain experience in nursing homes or long-term care facilities for a few years and then move up the ladder to become registered nurses and then pursue bachelor of science in nursing degree.

Homestead Schools offers a very attractive career path to young ambitious people. It has a nurse assisting program for those starting in the field of nursing. A certified nurse assistant provides basic care to patients and assists them in daily activities such as

bathing and walking. Because of the personal nature of the job, a CNA should be compassionate and enjoy helping others.

Another popular program offered by Homestead is medical assisting. Medical assistants take medical histories and record vital signs of patients. In addition, they perform administrative and clinical tasks in the offices of physicians, hospitals and other healthcare facilities.

At the other end of the spectrum, Homestead Schools offers a post-licensure bachelor of science in nursing program for RNs. Many hospitals are now requiring their RNs to have a minimum of BSN degree. Needless to say, a nurse with a BSN improves her employability and earnings. For the BSN program, Homestead offers three formats: online, classroom (Torrance) and hybrid. Financial aid is available to those who qualify.

So you see, Homestead offers a wide variety of options for young people looking for career opportunities. It is imperative that you visit the school, speak to admissions counselors, look at skills lab, and meet with current students and faculty to chart your path. Homestead Schools is located at 23800 Hawthorne Blvd., Ste 200, Torrance, CA (310) 791-9975. Visit us on the web: HomesteadSchools.net