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Dear Prospective 2023-2024 Practical Nursing Student,

Thank you for expressing interest in the Practical Nursing Program at Vantage Career Center. This program will provide you with a comprehensive practical nursing education with the goal of assisting you in becoming a competent, responsible, and compassionate member of the nursing community. Those who successfully complete the program will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination- Practical Nurse (NCLEX- PN) to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN).

The program is offered full-time, implemented over 11 months, and provides 1318 clock hours of instruction. The curriculum combines classroom and laboratory instruction, as well as clinical experience. Classroom and lab instruction are located at Vantage Career Center; however, clinical sites vary and can include local hospitals, community agencies, and long-term care facilities. Program hours are scheduled from 7:30 am to 3:45 pm, Monday through Thursday. Clinical experiences will be scheduled according to the course and hours/days may vary. The next program offering will begin on September 5, 2023 and will be completed August 2024 (dates subject to change). To apply for the program, you must complete an application, be 18 years of age or older; may be accepted at 17 years of age if otherwise meets the requirements of admission, and have or will have a high school diploma from an accredited high school or GED before the start of the program.

Getting started: Financial Aid is available for those who qualify, so please complete your 2023-2024 FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov to begin the process. Vantage's federal school code is 030956 (needed on the FAFSA). Once your FAFSA results are received by our financial aid office, you will be contacted to review your aid eligibility. For questions or help filing out the FAFSA, call 419-238-5411, ext. 2110. Veterans who wish to use their VA educational benefits must notify the Financial Aid Coordinator.

After submitting an application, you will meet with the Enrollment Coordinator to discuss program requirements along with costs, pre-requisites, and completion of required forms. The breakdown of costs of the program are listed in the Cost and Information Sheet included with this letter. The student is required to have an active STNA/CNA license and active BLS CPR certification for the program as well if they do not the Enrollment coordinator will discuss the costs and dates for the programs

During the application process, you will also be required to schedule and take two pre-admission exams, WorkKeys and HESI. WorkKeys must be completed prior to taking the HESI exam. Students will be notified by the Assessment Coordinator of their tests scores and eligibility to take the HESI exam. The WorkKeys exam fee is \$75 and the HESI exam fee is \$100. Additional information about these exams is located on the Vantage Career Center website, under Adult Education and Programs and Classes.

After Testing, you will meet with the Practical Nursing Program Administrator and Faculty. The student is also responsible for obtaining a drug screening, BCI/FBI background check, and meeting necessary health requirements. Students are responsible for all fees associated with these program requirements. Vantage Career Center offers both STNA and BLS CPR classes (refer to the website for class dates and times).

Health requirements for the program include:

- Physical Health Form indicating capability of participation
- 2-step Mantoux (TB skin test) or negative QuantifFeron Gold or Tspot
- Tdap booster (within the past 10 years)
- Varicella Vaccines (Series of 2 or titer showing positive immunity)
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella- MMR Vaccines (Series of 2 or titer showing positive immunity)
- Hepatitis B Vaccines (Series of 3 or titer showing positive immunity)
- Seasonal Influenza Vaccine (Due in October of the current year)

Vantage does not currently require COVID vaccination for enrollment but students must be able to meet requirements of clinical facilities to successfully complete the program.

Students who can provide documentation of having been previously vaccinated or an acceptable titer level showing positive immunity do not need to repeat the vaccine. Official documentation from the county health department, employer, or the physician's office, etc. must accompany the physical form. Copies of lab titers must also be submitted. It is recommended that the student begin obtaining these necessary items IMMEDIATELY as they are required for acceptance into the program.

IMPORTANT: The program will be unable to accommodate students who:

- Fail to obtain a STNA license or BLS CPR certification
- Have a positive drug screen
- Have any felonies on their record
- Misdemeanors may be considered based on the programs ability to place the student in designated clinical agencies
- Are unable to meet health requirements

Once all admission criteria have been successfully completed, the application and all required items will be submitted to the Practical Nursing Faculty Committee for review and consideration for acceptance. Vantage Practical Nursing Program is limited to 28 students and placement is based on a first come, first served basis. We strongly encourage anyone who is interested in enrolling in the Practical Nursing Program to begin the process of enrollment and working toward meeting the entrance requirements as soon as possible. Applicants/items will not be taken into consideration for acceptance into the class of 2023/2024 after August 16, 2023, but will be considered for the following year 2024/2025

Thank you for your interest in the Practical Nursing Program at Vantage Career Center.

Sincerely,

Jessica Hoyng, MSN RN
Practical Nursing Program Administrator