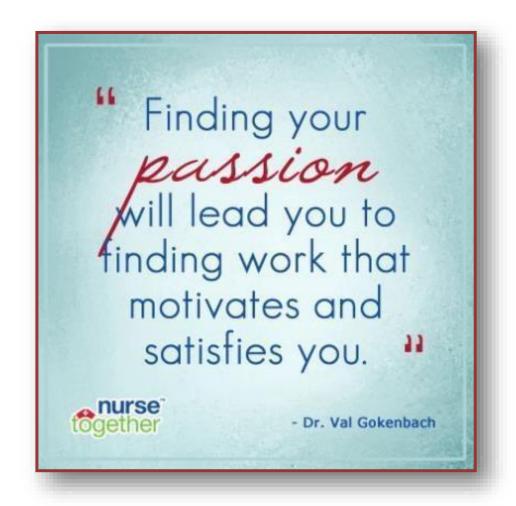
# CANADIAN VALLEY TECHNOLOGY CENTER

## **Practical Nursing Program**



## INFORMATION PACKET

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### ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PRACTICAL NURSING

Nursing applicants must first schedule and take the Next Gen Accuplacer test in Reading and Arithmetic. Contact the Assessment Center at the Chickasha or Cowan campus to schedule an appointment for testing.

After meeting the score requirements on the Accuplacer (or TEAS), the potential student will be given an application packet. Completed application forms will be marked with the date and time they are returned to the school counselor. Admittance into the program or placement on the waiting list will be determined on a first-come, first-serve basis. If there are no available openings, the applicant's name will be placed on a waiting list. Prospective students will be notified of a date to begin class either by letter or telephone as openings become available.

All accepted applicants will need to meet with the Financial Aid Officer immediately upon notification of acceptance into the program. Information regarding program costs and expenses are included in this packet.

#### **ACCUPLACER**

The Next Gen Accuplacer is an untimed, multiple-choice exam that tests basic academic knowledge in Reading and Arithmetic. The first time you take this test, there is no fee. A minimum score of 250 on each subject area test is required for admission. If you do not make the minimum score, you must wait 30 days to retest and there will be a fee for each retake (currently \$3 per test). If an applicant needs to take the test a 3rd time, there must be 90 days between test #2 and test #3.

If you pass one subject test and not the other, the scores from different testing dates can be combined. For example, if you pass the Arithmetic on your first attempt, but do not pass the Reading, you will only need to retake the Reading test for the \$3 fee.

Test Scores are good for 2 years.

#### **TEAS**

TEAS test scores not more than two years old can be used to obtain an application. These scores can come from other institutions as long as they are official ATI scores. You must print your TEAS scores in the counselor's office. A minimum score of 70 on the TEAS reading and a 44 on the TEAS math is required.

#### **TOEFL**

An individual, who is not a citizen of the United States, or citizen with limited English proficiency, is required to take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) exam. This exam can be taken at a college or university. For paper-based international or institutional scores - 530 or above is required; for computer-based international TOEFL - 197 or above is required. Results of the TOEFL must be submitted with the application.

The Canadian Valley Technology Center's School of Practical Nursing is accredited by the Oklahoma Department of Career & Technology Education, 1500 W. 7th, Stillwater, OK 74074, http://okcareertech.org; and approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, 2501 N. Lincoln Blvd., Suite 207, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 http://www.youroklahoma.com/nursing.

Canadian Valley Technology Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Title IX Coordinator: <a href="mailto:ridgewayt@cvtech.edu">ridgewayt@cvtech.edu</a>; 504 Coordinators, <a href="mailto:504@cvtech.edu">504@cvtech.edu</a>, 405-262-2629, 6505 E Hwy 66, El Reno, OK 73036

## Application Process for Practical Nursing Program Canadian Valley Technology Center

- 1. Call (405) 262-2629 (Cowan campus) or (405) 222-7521 (Chickasha campus) for the next appointed time to take the Next Gen Accuplacer in Reading and Arithmetic
- 2. If it's your second time to test, be prepared to pay the re-testing fee when you arrive to take the test. (This amount is subject to change.)
- 3. Take the test at the assigned time.
- 4. After meeting the recommended score on the Next Gen Accuplacer (or TEAS), you will receive an application packet. If you scored below the minimum requirement, you may retest after 30 days.
- 5. Return the following documents to the counselor:
  - Completed application form
  - G.E.D. or High School diploma
  - Proof of Residency
  - Documentation of immunizations: A positive titer may be submitted as documentation. Titers can be obtained through your health care provider, clinic or hospital labs.
  - Results of the TOEFL exam (required of individuals not residents of the United States or citizens with limited English proficiency).
  - Letter of U.S. High School equivalency (required of individuals that graduated outside the United States).
  - Any previous transcripts for completed health related courses, must be official transcripts
- 6. Mail or hand-deliver your application to the school counselor. Your completed application will be marked with the date and time received and filed, and your name will be placed on a waiting list. If your application packet is incomplete it will be returned to you and your name will be withheld from the waiting list pending its completion.
- 7. See the Financial Aid Officer at the appropriate campus for information regarding financial aid.

8. When an opening becomes available, you will be contacted by mail and/or phone. If you choose to enter the nursing program you will be required to obtain a national background check – pay for this at the school's bookstore. A student with a history of an arrest(s) may be prohibited from training in health care facilities we contract with for clinical rotations. See page 6 of this document if you have an arrest history or contact the school counselor or PN Director for questions regarding this matter.

\*\*\*Effective January 1, 2013 all nursing graduates applying for licensure are required to complete a National fingerprint background check per Oklahoma law.

- 9. High school seniors currently enrolled in a Health Certification program at CVTC will be allowed placement on the waiting list under the following conditions:
  - 1) obtains signatures from a) a CVTC Health Careers Certification instructor, b) the CVTC Director of Student Services, c) high school counselor or principal;
  - 2) all areas of the PN application (except copy of diploma) are completed. You will not be allowed to enter the nursing program until you have your high school diploma.
- 10. All students will be required to purchase a **laptop or tablet** and E-Books. Laptops are preferred, but tablets are acceptable. E-books are available for purchase in the CVTC Bookstore. Nursing shoes, uniforms, stethoscope, Hepatitis B immunizations (x3, titer, or waiver), and CPR certification are requiredprior to beginning clinical rotations. Hepatitis B immunizations are strongly recommended to help provide protection against contracting Hepatitis B. All other required immunizations (tetanus, varicella x2 or titer, MMR x2 or titer) and a two-step PPD must be completed **prior** to being placed on our waiting list. The list of immunizations may change as these are dictated by our clinical facilities.
- 11. In addition to the following expenses, students must supply their own transportation, room and board, and immunizations. NOTE: E-Books and other supplies purchased at CVTC are nonrefundable. Students who are leaving school must complete a withdrawal form in the Student Services office.

#### **Student's Estimated Expenses**

# FEES - ATI Testing Fee \$632.50 - General Enrollment Fee \$231.00 TUITION FOR IN-DISTRICT \$3,850.00

Note: See counselor regarding tuition rates for out-of-district and international students.

#### Additional Student Expenses: \*\*\* These costs are only approximates.

Laptop or Tablet	500.00	
Textbooks if purchased in prepared packages	1000.00	
(If purchased separately you will need to add an additional \$56.00.)		
Two National Background Checks	130.00	
National Fingerprint Background Check (for licensure)	60.00	
Clinical Uniforms	130.00	
(2 tops, 2 pants, optional lab jacket purchased through CVTC bookstore)		
White Leather Shoes	60.00	
Watch w/second hand	30.00	
Pen Light	10.00	
Bandage Scissors	7.00	
Stethoscope	30.00	
CPR Certification (if needed)	30.00	
Drug Testing	40.00	
Graduation	50.00	
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#### \*\*\*ALL COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

**CVTC Refund Policy:** Any CVTC student that withdraws from CVTC before the first day of attendance or during the first 10 days of instruction will be refunded 100% of tuition or fees paid.

After 10 days of instruction no refund of tuition or fees will be made.

<sup>\*</sup>The estimated (in-district) total cost would be \$6790.50.

The CV Tech School of Practical Nursing is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state-approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for practical nurses. Applicants for Oklahoma licensure must meet all state and federal requirements to hold an Oklahoma license to practice nursing. In addition to completing a state- approved nursing education program that meets educational requirements and successfully passing thelicensure examination, requirements include submission of an application for licensure, a criminalhistory records search, and evidence of citizenship or qualified alien status [59 O.S. §§567.5 & 567.6].

To be granted a license, an applicant must have the legal right to be in the United States (United States Code Chapter 8, Section 1621). In addition, Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year. Applicants who are qualified aliens must present to the Board office, in person, valid documentary evidence of:

- 1. A valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
- 2. A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
- 3. Admission into the United States in refugee status;
- 4. A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
- 5. Approved deferred action status; or
- 6. A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status.

The Board has the authority to deny a license, recognition or certificate; issue a license, recognition or certificate with conditions and/or an administrative penalty; or to issue and otherwise discipline a license, recognition or certificate to an individual with a history of criminal background, disciplinary action on any professional or occupational license or certification, or judicial declaration of mental incompetence [59 O.S. §567.8]. These cases are considered on an individual basis at the time application for licensure is made. Potential applicants to state- approved education programs, with a criminal history, may obtain an initial determination of eligibility forlicensure or certification from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for a fee. The initial determination of eligibility for licensure petition can be accessed at http://nursing.ok.gov/initialdeterm.pdf.

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P:/Administration/Executive/Policies/Education/E-05 Information for Bulletins and Catalogues of Nursing Education Programs

#### **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

#### 1. What is the difference between a traditional program and an individualized program?

Traditional Program – all students begin and complete the program at the same time.

<u>Individualized Program</u> – students work within individualized time frames for each course which are monitored and facilitated by faculty.

Canadian Valley's School of Practical nursing is a non-traditional individualized program. You must be able to attend a minimum of 24 hours per week within the published hours below.

#### 2. During what hours am I able to meet the minimum attendance requirements?

**Chickasha Campus:** Classroom hours are 7:45 – 11:00 am and 12:10 – 3:00 pm Clinical hours are: 6:30 am – 2:30 pm and 2:30 – 11:00 pm

Cowan Campus: Classroom hours are 8:00 – 11:10 am and 12:30 – 3:15 pm

Clinical hours are: 6:30 am - 2:30 pm and 2:30 - 11:00 pm

#### 3. What advantages are there to an individualized program?

- A student may go at a slower or faster pace
- Individualized instruction/instructor facilitated
- Open entry/open exit
- Will provide time for part-time work outside of school
- Will provide more time with family
- Flexible schedule (except clinical rotations)

#### 4. Is there a school dress code?

LPN students are required to wear scrubs (any color or style) to class each day. T-shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets may be worn with scrub pants. CV Tech specified scrubs must be worn during clinicals.

5. What if I can't start the program when my name is at the top of the waiting list? If you are unable to begin the program when the counselor notifies you will be moved to the end of the waiting list. When your name again moves to the top of the list you are once again notified that a spot is open. However, if you are still unable to start the program your name will be removed from the waiting list and you will need to start the application process over.

#### 6. Can I receive credit for previous health-related education?

Advanced standing allows you to receive credit for Medical Terminology, Anatomy, Physiology, or any other college or Practical Nursing program that meets the objectives of the PN program. If the advanced standing you will be requesting is for nursing courses you must provide an official transcript prior to the start date or on day one of class, all courses must have been completed with an 80% or above.

#### 7. What is the average length of time in which students complete the program?

Since the program is open-entry, open-exit, individualized instruction, a student may progress very quickly, particularly when receiving advanced standing or successfully mastering allowed subjects. Ageneric student (one without advanced standing, etc.) typically completes the program in 20 - 22 months.

#### 8. What about job placement?

Our graduates have excellent job placement opportunities. Nurses may work in hospitals, clinics, home health, hospice, long-term care, retirement centers, etc. Starting salaries are usually between \$20.00 and \$27.00 per hour.

#### 9. What about the licensure examination to become a Practical Nurse?

Graduates are eligible to take the national licensure examination (NCLEX- PN). It is a computerized test, offered daily, Monday through Saturday, at the Sylvan Learning Centers in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. See pg. 7 for further information on eligibility for licensure.

### 10. If I continue my education for a degree as a Registered Nurse, will I receive any credit for my Practical Nursing studies?

Advanced standing policies vary according to what college or university you wish to attend. Most have challenge policies that provide practical nurses with the opportunity to take challenge tests in order to receive college credit. Colleges and universities utilize standardized exams to determine an individual's entry level into a Registered Nursing program.

For further information call Canadian Valley Technology Center at one of the following locations.

CHICKASHA CAMPUS	Cowan CAMPUS
1410 Michigan Avenue	1701 S. Czech Hall Road
Chickasha OK 73018	Yukon, Ok 73099
(405) 224-7220	(405) 345-3333

#### **Canadian Valley Technology Center Financial Aid**

Financial Aid Offices:

Chickasha 405-222-7575 Cowan 405-422-2208

#### **Federal and State Assistance**

**Federal Pell Grant** – this grant provides a "foundation" of aid, to which aid from other sources may be added. Grants do not have to be repaid.

#### FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGIBILITY

A student may qualify for a Federal PELL Grant if he or she:

- 1. Is a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- 2. Does not already have a B.S. or B.A. degree
- 3. Has financial need as determined by the Department of Education upon Completion of the FAFSA
- 4. Enrolled as a regular student in an eligible program, working toward a certificate.
- 5. Has a high school diploma, GED or a home school equivalency
- 6. Has not exceeded 600% of the Lifetime Eligibility Used for PELL
- 7. Is not in default on any student loan previously received and does not owe a repayment on any student grant previously received

**Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant** – this grant is administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and will pay towards of the tuition cost for eligible students. It is based on Pell eligibility. This grant does not have to be repaid.

#### **OTHER PROGRAMS:**

- Office of Workforce Development (WIA)
- Tribal Agencies
- Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG)
- Department of Rehabilitation Services (VR)
- Oklahoma National Guard Tuition Waiver
- Canadian Valley Foundation, Inc. Scholarship
- Veteran Vocational Rehabilitation (VAVR)
- Oklahoma Foundation for Career Tech
- VA Benefits

Contact information for each of these aid programs is available through the Financial Aid office. WIA, GI Bill®, Tribal Agencies, VR and VAVR will determine eligibility for their assistance.

#### **Satisfactory Academic Progress**

Satisfactory academic progress is a condition of eligibility for students receiving federal financial aid in this institution. He/she must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 (C) or above and be within the attendance policy.

Satisfactory progress means that a student is proceeding in a positive manner toward fulfilling certificate requirements in a normal length of time (not to exceed 150% of published length of program) and maintaining 90% attendance requirement. A student who fails to make satisfactory progress is placed on financial aid suspension for one (1) pay period and will be denied financial aid until they are removed from that status.

#### **Important Note**

For complete Student Consumer Information on Title IV Financial aid, contact the Financial Aid office or visit <a href="https://cvtech.edu">https://cvtech.edu</a> Student Consumer Information contains information regarding all financial aid programs, security report and crime statistics, drug prevention program and pro-rate policy. Students may also contact the local Workforce Investment Act (WIA) representative regarding the Workforce Investment Act.

#### Maintaining PELL Eligibility

- Must be enrolled as a regular student in eligible certificate program (active status).
- Must have satisfactory academic performance and be within the financial aid attendance policy.

#### **PELL Grant Disbursement**

The PELL Grant is awarded on basis of need (based on published cost of attendance minus family resources) and satisfactory academic performance.

The PELL Grant will be awarded per payment period. Students will receive their first PELL payment on the basis of being enrolled. For every payment thereafter, students will be paid if and only if their academic performance has been satisfactory, their required clock hours have been completed, and they are within the financial aid attendance policy.

Disbursements will be made by CVTC to students in the following manner: The eligible amount less tuition, fees, books and supplies will be disbursed, payable to the student through the bursar office.

#### **Return of Title IV Funds**

Students receiving PELL Grant funding who withdraw, drop or fail to complete a payment period for which they have received Title IV aid, a "Return of Title IV Funds" calculation will be processed. The calculation is based on the actual percentage of the payment period the student completed. **Leave of absence does not count as completed hours.** 

Students who do not complete more than 60% of the payment period may be required to return a portion of the PELL Grant funding they received to the U.S. Department of Education. The institution will also be required to return a portion of the PELL Grant funding received for tuition from the U.S. Department of Education. Students will be billed for the portion the school must return. A detailed Return of the Title IV Funds worksheet is available upon request in the Financial Aid office.