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Central School of Practical Nursing (CSPN)



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The Practical Nursing program participates in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) organization. HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, postsecondary, adult, and collegiate students enrolled in health science education programs. For additional information about the program, see the national HOSA Website at <http://hosa.org>



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Program Description

The Central School of Practical Nursing (CSPN) offers a program of study for high school seniors and adults students. Adult students may enroll in the program on a space-available basis. This eighteen-month program is divided into two nine-month periods. The first period, known as Level I, runs concurrently with the high school schedule.

During this time, all Level I students attend class for 5.5 hours every other day. During Level I, students study the biological and social science components of nursing as well as the fundamental concepts and skills used to provide nursing care.

The second period, known as Level II, begins in August and ends in April. During this time, students attend 6 to 7 hours every day focused on theoretical courses in medical-surgical, maternal child, pediatrics, mental health nursing and the management of patient care while participating in clinical experiences in select healthcare settings. Prior to program completion, students participate in 72-hours preceptor rotation.

Accreditations

- Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
- Virginia Board of Nursing
- Virginia Department of Education: Career and Technical Division
- Certified to Operate by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)



Program Length

Level I

368.5 hours theory—126.5 hours clinical

- Nursing Concepts
- Structure and Function
- Nursing Skills (*including Geriatric Care*)
- Pharmacology Skills

Level II

498 hours theory—499 hours clinical

- Medical Surgical Nursing I, II, II
- Mental Health Nursing
- Nursing of Children
- Maternal Newborn Nursing
- Management of Patient Care

Expenses/Tuition

High School

In Level I, secondary students do not pay for tuition, books, or computer and lab fees. They do pay approximately \$400 to cover the costs of uniforms, criminal history/background checks, HOSA dues, CPR fees, and CNA licensure fees. In Level II (following high school graduation) post-secondary students pay approximately \$2,000 to cover the costs of tuition, books, computer fees, HOSA dues, and graduation and licensure expenses.

Adult

Adult students pay approximately \$8,600 which includes expenses for Level I and Level II. Financial assistance may be available to adult students to help defray the cost of tuition. Inquiries should be made to the Financial Aid Officer.

Admission Overview

High School

Senior classification, and minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA. Students must also take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).

Adults

H.S. Transcript or Equivalency; pass TEAS entrance test; interview; three professional and/or educational references.

ALL applicants must complete the criminal history/background check.

Certifications and Licensure

Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Exam

- Eligible after completion of Level I

National Council for Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN)

- Eligible post completion of Level II and graduation from the program

Potential Career Pathways and Employment Opportunities

- Home Health/Clinics
- Registered Nurse
- Schools
- Nurse Practitioner
- Acute Care Hospital
- Nurse Midwife
- Long-Term Care
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Physician Offices/Urgent Specialist Care

