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# Central School of Practical Nursing

## **At Norfolk Technical Center**



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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**

#### 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's Overview**

## **High School**

Senior classification, and 2.5 cumulative GPA. Students must 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 post 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 •Schools •Acute Care Hospital •Long-Term Care •Physician Offices/ Urgent Specialist Care •Registered Nurse •Nurse Practitioner •Nurse Midwife •Nurse Anesthetist

Potential Career Earnings \$30,000-\$49,000 annually