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Dear Applicant,

We are pleased to share information about the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center with you.

Located in Lewisburg, the LPN Career Center is operated by the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU), a regional education service agency that conducts many programs and services for schools, educators and students in our region.

Since 1967, our program's experienced nursing instructors have guided many men and women to careers in health care as Licensed Practical Nurses. Many graduates have continued their education and become Registered Nurses.

All classes are held at the LPN Career Center, and clinical experiences are offered in a variety of skilled and acute care settings across the region.

In this catalog you will learn about the LPN Career Center's philosophy, objectives and courses as well as eligibility for admission and the application process.

If you have any questions, please call 570-768-4960.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kimberly Delba, RN, MSN, CSN
Director

AT THE CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA LPN CAREER CENTER YOU CAN ...

TRAIN IN 12 MONTHS

The full-time program lasts one year. You attend classes and clinical rotations from August to August. Courses are held weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Clinical experience at affiliated facilities is usually offered during the day or first shift, but might occasionally be scheduled for evenings. A part-time program spanning two years is available.

ATTEND CLASSES LOCALLY

Classroom instruction and laboratory experience are offered at the LPN Career Center in Lewisburg. Affiliated hospitals, nursing care facilities, doctors' offices and childcare settings provide clinical experience.

STUDY WITH EXPERIENCED FACULTY

Learn from registered nurses with advanced degrees and teaching and clinical experience. Faculty members meet qualifications of the State Board of Nursing and Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit. In clinical areas, the ratio of faculty to students is at or below one to 15, as required by the State Board of Nursing.

PROGRESS THROUGH AN APPROVED CURRICULUM

Progress through three levels of study, moving from basic to more complex principles. Approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing, the curriculum includes 1,547 hours of classroom instruction, laboratory experience and clinical practicum.

TRANSFER CREDITS

You may take all your courses at the LPN Career Center, taught by nursing faculty, or take only the nursing courses at the LPN Career Center. Transfer of credits earned prior to entering the LPN Career Center must be approved by the admissions committee.

EARN ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced placement may be granted for previous education in a health care program for professional nurses or practical nurses, at the admissions committee's discretion.

PREPARE FOR YOUR LICENSING EXAM

LPN Career Center graduates are eligible to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). The Center provides computer simulations of the NCLEX-PN based on the current matrix of the test. Ninety-four percent (94%) of students who take the licensing exam pass it the first time*.

LOOK AHEAD TO YOUR "CAREER IN CARING"

The Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center has a 94% job placement rate*. Graduates earn competitive salaries and employers report a 98% satisfaction rate with our graduates*. Students also report a 99% satisfaction rate with the program.

JOIN A PROUD TRADITION

The Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center (formerly the Danville Area School District Practical Nursing Program) is celebrating more than 45 years of service to the Susquehanna Valley. Its graduates are making a difference in the health care delivery system and the lives of those they serve.

*Data compiled from information collected over the last three years from the Pa. State Board of Nursing, ACEN and Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center surveys.

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PROGRAM

LPN CAREER CENTER PHILOSOPHY

We believe that...

- Each individual has unique talents, perspectives and contributions that he or she brings to the educational process. Education results in a change of behavior when a student has the ability and motivation to learn and faculty members believe in what they teach, enjoy teaching, and create enthusiasm and interest to stimulate students.
- Education involves active participation of both learners and teachers and enables people to develop their potential to become productive members of society.
- Nursing education is built on a firm foundation of basic education that prepares people to make ongoing adjustments in response to societal needs.
- Nursing is an art and progressive science that serves people of all ages regardless of race, religion, gender, economic status or disability.
- Practical nursing education is an integral part of all nursing.
- Practical nursing should prepare participants to function cohesively with all members of the health team and to use sound judgment based on knowledge, skills, attitudes and experiences in selected nursing situations.
- The practical nurse, under the supervision of a professional nurse and/or licensed physician, gives direct patient care; observes, reports and records appropriate information; performs treatments; administers medications; assists with the rehabilitation of patients; and participates in the planning, implementation and evaluation of nursing care in all settings where nursing takes place.
- Students have rights such as the right to learn on an individual basis, the right to question, the right for a voice through the student organization and the right to evaluate the curriculum and instruction.
- Ongoing evaluation of the curriculum by faculty is important to keep courses current and flexible within the standards of nursing education and changes within society.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

At the completion of the program, you will:

- Assist in assessing the needs of health care recipients by identifying responses to altered basic needs.
- Participate in planning nursing care that will prevent, reduce or resolve altered basic needs of health care recipients.
- Implement nursing care based on principles from the biophysical and psychosocial sciences.
- Assist the RN in complex situations.
- Participate in the evaluation of nursing care, remaining accountable for your own care given and care delegated to unlicensed health care providers.
- Incorporate critical thinking in meeting the needs of all health care recipients.
- Use communication skills effectively in interactions with recipients of health care, their families and health care personnel.
- Function within the ethical and legal framework of practical nursing.

LEVEL OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Level 1 Objectives:

At the end of the first level, you will:

- Assist with the assessment and reporting of simple identifiable abnormal conditions of patients.
- Plan, implement and evaluate basic nursing procedures for patients with simple nursing problems, under supervision.
- Incorporate critical thinking in meeting the needs of patients with simple nursing problems.
- Demonstrate acceptable rapport with patients and co-workers.
- Demonstrate a limited knowledge of the physical, biological, social science, ethical and legal aspects of practical nursing.
- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of drugs and solutions.
- Demonstrate personal grooming and hygiene habits acceptable to patients.
- Demonstrate leadership skills through activities such as serving as a class representative.
- Use basic computer skills to meet educational needs.

Level 1 Course Descriptions:

Fundamentals of Nursing: Prepare to perform basic nursing skills under supervision, apply basic concepts of health to yourself and others, and communicate with other members of the health team; emphasis is placed on problem solving, knowledge, attitudes and skills common to all health care agencies in the community and legal, moral and ethical responsibilities; transfer principles of health care to patient care during clinical experiences. 280 hours (110 classroom, 170 laboratory, including clinical experience).

Pharmacology: Prepare to perform medication administration procedures; apply basic principles of pharmacology to patient care. 70 hours (30 classroom, 40 laboratory).

Anatomy and Physiology I: Study the structure and function of the human body, including the cells and musculoskeletal, nervous, sensory, integumentary, endocrine and reproductive systems. 80 hours.

Microbiology: Identify various microorganisms and investigate their relationship to daily living and disease in this basic introductory course. 48 hours.

General Psychology: Explore principles that determine the complexity of human behavior; learn about human communication, behavior and personality, and appropriate responses to stress; more fully understand your own behavior and that of people with whom you interact. 48 hours.

Level 1 total hours: 526 (316 classroom, 210 laboratory and clinical).

Level 2 Objectives:

At the end of the second level, you will:

- Assist with the assessment and reporting of simple to moderately complex nursing needs of patients with musculoskeletal, nervous, integumentary, endocrine, reproductive and psychiatric disorders.
- Use the nursing care plan to plan, implement and evaluate simple to moderately complex nursing needs of patients with specific medical and surgical disorders.
- Incorporate critical thinking in meeting the needs of patients with simple to moderately complex nursing problems.
- Identify patterns of growth and development of people of all ages.
- Accept ethnic groups within the health care setting.

- Administer medications safely under direct supervision.
- Communicate effectively with patients and co-workers.

Level 2 Course Descriptions:

Medical Surgical Nursing I: Study nursing care of adults, including common symptoms, treatment and nursing care related to specific diseases and disorders ... preventive as well as restorative nursing care is stressed. 336 hours (80 classroom, 256 clinical).

Principles of Sociology: Study group behavior and the organization of society and culture. 45 hours.

Anatomy and Physiology II: Study basic anatomic and physiologic principles related to the circulatory, digestive, respiratory and urinary systems, and better understand the rationale for pathological disorders. 48 hours.

Nutrition: This introductory course includes principles of nutrition and application of those principles to meet dietary needs throughout the life cycle. 32 hours.

Life Span Psychology: Study normal growth and development and its relationship to biological, cognitive, personality and social factors ... the psychology of human development from conception to death is included. 48 hours.

Level 2 total hours: 509 (253 classroom, 256 clinical).

Level 3 Objectives:

At the end of the third level, you will:

- Assist with the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of the complex nursing needs of patients with respiratory, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal and genitourinary disorders, under minimal supervision.
- Incorporate critical thinking in meeting the needs of patients with complex nursing needs.
- Demonstrate basic knowledge and skills in caring for mothers and newborns.
- Effectively care for the ill child and demonstrate knowledge of pediatric safety.
- Identify the needs of people with developmental disabilities.
- Perform safe, effective, total nursing care to those who are elderly, under minimal supervision.
- Identify specific physical, emotional and psychological changes in the aging process.
- Identify community agencies to which patients with special needs, including drug and alcohol abuse, can be referred.

- Identify the principles of emergency and disaster nursing.
- Participate as a member of the health team and share leadership responsibilities within the legal framework of practical nursing.
- Demonstrate the technique for obtaining licensure.
- Demonstrate the technique used to apply for and resign from employment.

Level 3 Course Descriptions:

Medical Surgical Nursing II: Study nursing care of adults relating to specific disorders ... nursing care for adults with respiratory, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal and urinary disorders is stressed, as is preventive care ... disaster nursing is reviewed. 352 hours (80 classroom, 272 clinical).

Maternal-Child Nursing: Care of the mother and newborn is included in normal and complicated conditions of conception, pregnancy, labor, delivery and the post-partum period. This course also introduces the nursing care of children with specific disorders, including common symptoms and treatment. Prevention and restorative care with developmental play and diversional activities are stressed. 160 hours (64 classroom, 96 clinical).

Level 3 total hours: 512 (144 classroom, 368 clinical).

TRANSFER OF ACADEMIC CREDITS

Applicants accepted to the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center who have attended other academic institutions may submit records from that institution to apply for credit for courses taken.

Submission Criteria:

1. The student must submit an original transcript from the prior institution to the Director and Admissions, Academic & Ethics Committee by a date prior to admission set for each class. (Exception: The CSLPNCC will accept non-official transcripts for courses completed immediately prior to the beginning of your education at the LPN Career Center until the official transcript can be submitted.)
2. The course is less than ten years old at the time of admission.
3. A course grade of C or higher earned from an accredited institution.

The Admissions, Academic and Ethics Committee must approve all requests for transfer credit.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

You may receive advanced placement for education in a health care program for professional nurses or practical nurses, within the last two years, at the discretion of the admissions committee. Credit may also be granted for satisfactorily completed college courses, if taken within 10 years of admission to the LPN Career Center.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The diploma and graduate pin are conferred upon students who satisfactorily complete 1,547 educational hours and meet all objectives throughout the educational year. Final examinations are given only to students who meet all financial obligations or have provisions to satisfy those obligations. Attendance at graduation is required.

INFORMATION

AFTER YOU ARE ACCEPTED INTO THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Your personal appearance reflects your commitment to your career.

You must purchase your uniform directly from a uniform company. After you are accepted and your registration fee is received, ordering information will be sent to you. An identification pin and photo are provided by the LPN Career Center.

You are required to wear your uniform when clinical experiences are planned in Levels 1, 2 and 3. Street clothes are permitted for Fundamentals Lab in Level I, and all classes throughout the program.

BOOKS

You may purchase all textbooks directly from a book company. After you are accepted and your registration fee is received, a book list will be sent to you. You will have adequate time to order books before classes start.

HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND INSURANCE

You must submit a completed form from your physician attesting to your health, as required by the State Board of Nursing. You are encouraged to have health insurance because the LPN Career Center assumes no such obligation. Financial obligation for injuries, accidents or illness is your responsibility.

CPR CERTIFICATION

You must be trained and certified in **American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers** before you begin classes at the LPN Career Center. A class will be scheduled before your first day of class. If you have any questions about this certification, please contact the LPN Career Center.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

You must submit a Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background check, a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance and a Federal Criminal History Record, completed no more than six months before the first day of class and no later than your first day of class.

No person shall be admitted to the Practical Nursing Program who has been convicted of a felony, two

misdeemeanors within the 3900 series on the prohibitive offenses list or drug convictions less than 10 years old. Conviction includes judgement, admission of guilt, or plea of nolo contendere.

Persons with a documented history of child abuse will not be admitted to the program.

STUDENT HOUSING AND LUNCH

You are responsible to find your own living facilities and accept renting responsibilities of the property owner.

You are responsible to provide your own lunch when assigned to the LPN Career Center and to pay for lunches at affiliated facilities.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

You are responsible for your transportation to the LPN Career Center and affiliated facilities. Members of car pools are individually responsible for attendance at classes and clinical experiences.

Free parking is available near the LPN Career Center. You will receive information about parking at affiliated facilities during your orientation.

SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted in the LPN Career Center. It is permitted outside the building where there are appropriate containers for refuse. You must follow smoking policies at affiliated facilities.

EMPLOYMENT

You may be employed during your enrollment at the LPN Career Center. Important guidelines related to employment are included in the Student Handbook.

STUDENT PROGRESS

Several procedures are used to inform students of their progress in classroom and clinical settings.

Classroom progress is determined by grades given every eight weeks by each instructor, according to the course syllabus.

The grading system is as follows:

95-100 — A

87-94 — B

80-86 — C

Below 80 — FAILURE

Clinical grades are determined to be Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory based on clinical evaluation criteria. Clinical evaluations and status are determined by instructors at the end of clinical rotations and at the end of each level. The instructor will give you your evaluation and then submit it to the director.

All students enrolled in the practical nursing program are required to submit background clearances as indicated previously. Affiliating clinical agencies have the right to refuse to allow any student with a criminal and/or abuse record to participate in clinical activities within the agency. **Students must be able to participate in clinical activities at affiliating agencies in order to meet course objectives of the practical nursing program.**

At the end of each Level:

- **Distinguished Honors:** A student has achieved a 95 or higher in each course taken during that Level.
- **Honors:** A student has achieved a 90 or higher in each course taken during that Level.

Unsatisfactory progress is communicated through guidance and intervention forms, academic probation and clinical/behavioral probation. Areas for improvement and recommendations to improve performance, including attendance, are shared with students, and efforts are made to help students succeed. Academic probation occurs if students do not attain a grade of 80 at midterm or accrue three absences within a Level. Clinical probation occurs when clinical evaluations indicate unsatisfactory performance. If improvement does not occur during a determined time frame, enrollment is terminated.

Dismissal Without Probation

A student may be dismissed from the practical nursing program immediately, without probation, based upon the professional judgment of the nursing faculty and director if conditions merit such action. A student/faculty conference with the director will precede the dismissal of any student from the program.

Student actions that may lead to dismissal without probation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A student is found to possess, sell, intend to sell, experiment with or take drugs, such as marijuana,

barbiturates, amphetamines, narcotics or any drugs not prescribed by a physician for a specific condition;

- A student accrues two days of absence **without notifying** the LPN Career Center;
- A student receives a final grade below 80% in any subject; or
- A student receives an unsatisfactory clinical evaluation for the Level.

Dismissal without probation may occur when a student receives two documented anecdotal reports indicating unsafe nursing practice. Unsafe practice is defined as behavior that places the client or staff in either physical or emotional jeopardy. Physical jeopardy is the risk of causing physical harm. Emotional jeopardy means that the student creates an environment of anxiety or distress that places the client or client's family at risk for emotional or psychological harm. Unsafe nursing practice is an occurrence or pattern of behavior involving unacceptable risk. **There is no readmission for clinical failure.**

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A leave of absence may be granted due to unforeseen circumstances and according to certain criteria.

SERVICES

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Students are informed of their progress by confidential class postings. Faculty advisors are assigned to students to help them become self-directive, provide assistance with personal problems and encourage student self-evaluation.

FINANCIAL AID

The administrative specialist and the administrative assistant help with financial aid matters and payments.

Types of Financial Aid: Federal loans and federal Pell Grants are available to eligible students entering the LPN Career Center. Additional funding sources for those who qualify may include the Trade Readjustment Act, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Workforce Investment Board, Army Star Program and Veterans Benefits.

Application Procedures: To apply for federal financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available at the LPN Career Center and online. If applicable, you must provide a signed copy of your and your parents' federal income tax returns and other supplemental information.

Eligibility: To be eligible for federal loans and Pell Grants, you must meet minimum standards of satisfactory academic progress, which include a grade of 80 in every subject and satisfactory clinical practice, by the end of each Level.

To be eligible for federal loans, you must be enrolled in at least half-time study. Students enrolled in the one-year program, taking only nursing courses, are eligible for federal loans.

Academic Year: An academic year at the LPN Career Center is 900 clock hours. The length of the program is 1,547 clock hours.

Excess Student Financial Aid Funds: All excess student financial aid funds will be refunded to you within 14 days of the date the balance occurs in your account.

Refunds: Refunds are made according to the LPN Career Center's refund policy, included in the Student Handbook.

All financial aid funds are to be used for payment of tuition, books, supplies, fees and other costs incurred by attending the LPN Career Center. For more information, contact the administrative specialist.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

A student leadership program encourages leadership among peer groups. Students are selected by class members to serve as class representatives.

ADMISSION AND FEES

ADMISSION STANDARDS

The following standards are used to determine an applicant's eligibility to become an LPN Career Center student:

- Completed application and paid application fee.
- Acceptable high school or college transcripts or GED scores.
- References that attest to the positive character of the applicant.
- A passing score on the standardized screening test.
- Negative drug screening test.

FEES

Supplies include lab supplies, identification pin, photo, graduation fees, student liability insurance, achievement exam, technology fee and licensing fees. A credit transfer fee will be charged if applicable.

Students purchase books and uniforms from the appropriate companies. Supplies such as a stethoscope, wristwatch with a second hand, bandage scissors, personal clothing and school supplies must be purchased prior to admission.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Registration for a pre-admission assessment (Test of Adult Basic Education or TABE) is the **first step** in the practical nursing program's application process. This is not the entrance examination, and there is no cost associated with the assessment. The TABE will evaluate whether you have the academic skills required to successfully complete the practical nursing program. Successful completion of the TABE is required prior to submitting your application to the CSLPNCC and registering for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) entrance exam. Remediation and retesting is offered at no cost to prospective students who do not successfully pass the TABE assessment. When you have successfully passed the TABE assessment, you can then submit your application to the CSLPNCC.
2. Complete the **application** and mail it with the **application fee**, along with the **results of your TABE assessment**, and **two letters of reference**, to:
Office of Admissions
Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center
1339 St. Mary Street, Suite 2
Lewisburg, PA 17837
3. Submit your **official high school or college transcript**. If you have a GED, submit your scores.
4. Applicants are required to have a **urine drug screening** prior to formal acceptance into the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center nursing program. If the urine drug screening is positive, admission into the nursing program will be denied. During enrollment, students who demonstrate signs and behaviors that appear to indicate chemical impairment/use will require additional testing. Expense of any additional testing will be the responsibility of the student.
5. Take the TEAS entrance exam.
6. The Admissions, Academics and Ethics Committee reviews all applications and recommends admission. Please call about your status as an applicant if you do not hear within a reasonable time after the exam.
7. Applicants accepted into the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center who have attended other academic institutions may submit an official transcript from that institution to apply for credit for courses taken.

STUDENT RECORD MAINTENANCE AND ACCESS

POLICY

The Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center adheres to the regulations of student record maintenance, access and disclosures as detailed in Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The following procedures recognize and facilitate the following student rights:

1. The right to inspect and review his or her own educational records (with written request).
2. The right to request amendment of his or her educational record that he or she believes is inaccurate.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in his or her educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosures without consent.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

DESCRIPTIONS OF STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

Permanent student records of graduated students are kept in locked, fireproof files. The permanent record of graduated students includes a transcript of the student's clinical and academic achievement.

Records of enrolled students are electronically filed or kept in locked, fireproof files in the administration office. The records of enrolled students include the following:

1. Application materials
2. High school and college transcripts
3. GED scores
4. References
5. Pre-entrance exam scores
6. Acceptance letter
7. Copies of academic progress
8. Counseling reports
9. Physical exam forms
10. Copies of current CPR certification (American Heart Association)
11. Copy of criminal history check, child abuse clearance and Federal Criminal History Record
12. Signed hepatitis information form

13. Signed Student Handbook and Internet Use agreements

Clinical performance evaluations and daily clinical progress notes are maintained and kept in the main office throughout the program year.

Enrolled student records are moved to permanent student record files after the graduated student has taken and passed NCLEX-PN.

Student financial aid records are maintained in locked files in the administration office and contents are retained until after the completion of the third year after the student's final award year. The permanent student financial aid record contains only the student's accounts receivable record.

PROCEDURES

A student or graduate must request an official transcript in writing, including the student's name at the time of enrollment or graduation, the name and address of where the transcript is to be sent, and a money order for the appropriate handling fee.

Students have the right to inspect and review their own educational record upon written request. A student must submit a written request to the director to inspect his or her educational record. Within 45 days of receiving the written request, the director will arrange for access and notify the student of the time and place where the record may be inspected.

Students have the right to request amendment of their own educational records that they believe are inaccurate. A student must write to the director, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the director decides not to amend the record, the director will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

Program faculty and administration may access student files as needed to obtain information necessary to assist the student with clinical, academic or other school-related issues as part of their professional responsibilities.

Students have the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in their

educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. Information from a student's educational record will not be disclosed without the student's written consent.

Exception: The Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center will release the name, address and social security number of each graduating student to the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing as means of verifying the student's successful completion of this practical nursing program and eligibility to take the practical nursing examination for licensure in Pennsylvania.

Students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of that government office:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM TECHNICAL STANDARDS

A candidate for admission into the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center Practical Nursing Program must have abilities and skills in five categories: observation, communication, motor, intellectual and behavioral/social. Reasonable accommodation for persons with **documented difficulties** will be considered on an individual basis, but a **candidate must be able to perform in an independent manner**. The following skills are required, with or without accommodation.

OBSERVATION

Candidates must have sufficient sensory capacity to observe and participate in lecture hall, the laboratory, the outpatient setting and the patient's bedside. Specifically:

1. Sensory skills are adequate to perform physical assessment of a client.
2. Vision, hearing and tactile sensation are functional and adequate to observe a patient's condition and to elicit information through procedures regularly required in physical assessment, such as inspection, auscultation and palpation.

COMMUNICATION

Candidates must be able to communicate effectively in both academic and health care settings.

1. Candidates must show evidence of effective written and verbal communication skills such as are needed to interact with patients and to communicate patient's needs in a prompt and effective manner.
2. Candidates must demonstrate professional manner and insight in the communication process.

MOTOR

Candidates must have the ability to participate in basic diagnostic and therapeutic maneuvers and procedures (e.g. palpation, auscultation) and sufficient motor function to execute movements required to provide care to patients.

1. Strength and coordination is required to lift patients and respond promptly to patients' needs in routine and emergency situations.
2. Candidates must be able to negotiate patient care environments and must be able to move between settings, such as clinic, classroom building and health care sites.

3. Candidates must have physical stamina sufficient to complete the rigorous course of classroom and clinical study.
4. Long periods of sitting, standing or moving are required in classroom, laboratory and clinical experience.

INTELLECTUAL

In order to complete the practical nursing program, candidates must demonstrate mastery in reading and understanding of nursing and medical literature and to use it in a timely fashion in problem-solving and patient care.

1. Candidates must be able to perform measurements and calculations, and read charts and graphs.
2. Candidates must adhere to professional ethics.

BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL

Candidates must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of their intellectual abilities.

1. Candidates must exercise good judgment and complete all academic and patient care responsibilities promptly.
2. Candidates must develop mature, sensitive and effective relationships with patients and other members of the health care team.
3. Candidates must demonstrate flexibility, compassion, integrity and motivation.
4. Candidates must demonstrate interpersonal skills, concern for others, and the ability to function in the face of uncertainties and stress inherent in clinical practice.

ENVIRONMENT

Health care is, at times, delivered in high stress areas, requiring management of multiple roles, tasks and decisions. The equipment and supplies used by nurses may present a danger to individuals with sensitivities and allergies, especially to certain fumes or latex products.

Prospective practical nursing students must alert instructors and the director regarding any physical or other restrictions regarding high risk in the health care environment, as the exposure may prevent successful completion of the program requirements.

STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THESE STANDARDS WITH A REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RETURN.

Students may request accommodation to one or more technical standards based on documented disability. Such accommodation will be provided in accordance with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit and practical nursing program policies, as well as state and federal statutes.

ADAAA STATEMENT

The Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center (CSLPNCC) does not discriminate against individuals with disabilities. Faculty recognizes that, in addition to physical disabilities, individuals might also experience hidden disabilities such as mental, emotional or learning disabilities.

If you have a disability and do not require special accommodations, you are not required to disclose your disability. **If you have a disability and require accommodations, you are required to submit documentation of your disability including recommendations for accommodation to the program director no later than one week prior to the first class day.** Accommodations for testing might include, but are not limited to, a quiet environment for testing, extra time to take a test or having a test read to you.

In accordance with the Association on Higher Education and disability regulations, an Individual Education Plan requires a full psychological workup before accommodations can be provided to a student. **A licensed clinical psychologist or psychiatrist** must complete the documentation. It should verify the disability and suggest appropriate accommodations. Documentation must be less than three years old. **It is the student's responsibility to obtain the documentation and to pay the provider's fees.**

Questions regarding your rights and responsibilities as a student at the CSLPNCC should be directed to Mrs. Kimberly Delbo, Program Director, at 570-768-4960.

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Students who have completed this approved Practical Nursing Program are qualified as applicants for the licensure exam conducted by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, State Board of Nursing:

The applicant for examination as a licensed practical nurse shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant is 18 years of age or older, is of good moral character, has completed at least 12 years of education with a diploma in public, parochial or private school, or its equivalent as evaluated by the Department of Education, and has satisfactorily completed a course in practical nursing prescribed and approved by the Board in a school, hospital or other institution of not less than 1,500 hours and within a period of not less than 12 months (Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Nursing for Practical Nurses, Sec. 21.158).

NOTE: The State Board of Nursing shall not issue a license or temporary certificate to an applicant who has been convicted of a felonious act prohibited by P.L. 233, No. 64, The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act of April 14, 1972, or convicted of a felony relating to a controlled substance in a court of law of the United States or any other state, territory or country unless:

- at least 10 years have elapsed from the date of conviction;
- the applicant satisfactorily demonstrates to the Board that he or she has made significant progress in personal rehabilitation since the conviction such that his or her licensure should not be expected to create a substantial risk of further criminal violation;
- the applicant otherwise satisfies the qualifications contained in or authorized by this act.

The term “convicted” shall include a judgment, an admission of guilt or a plea of nolo contendere. In addition, conviction of misdemeanors may also influence licensure qualifications because the State Board of Nursing considers the character requirements of the candidate. A person licensed by the State of Pennsylvania is expected to have good moral character. Therefore, candidates will now be requested to supply information related to felony and misdemeanor conviction.

The Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center cannot guarantee that any student will pass the PN licensing exam. Your success will be determined by several factors beyond the instruction you are given in the classroom such as your willingness to study outside of class. Licensure exam questions are drawn from databases of hundreds of possible questions. Therefore, a thorough understanding of the subject matter is required. The goal of the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center is to provide you with a foundation for your studies as you prepare for the exam.

Issuing a Temporary Practice Permit and PN License rests with the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing. The Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center cannot guarantee that, although the student has successfully completed the practical nursing program, he/she will be issued a Temporary Practice Permit and/or PN License.

SAFETY INFORMATION/ CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

In accord with P.L. 101-542, the Student Right-To- Know and Campus Security Act, as amended by P.L. 102-26, the Higher Education Technical Amendments Act of 1991, and regulations in the Federal Register, April 29, 1994, effective July 1, 1994, the following information is provided:

- **Security:** The Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center is leased by the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit. It is open during regular hours of operation and locked during non-operating hours. There is adequate lighting around the building and an efficient fire alarm system.
- **Reporting Criminal Actions or Other Emergencies:** Since there is no campus security department, incidents related to criminal actions must be reported to the LPN Career Center director, who will contact East Buffalo Township Police at 570-524-2943. In case of an emergency such as fire, illness or natural disaster, Union County Communication will be notified. In the absence of an administrator, an employee may notify the police.
- **Statistics Concerning Incidents at the LPN Career Center:** There have been no occurrences in the past four years of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arrest for liquor or drug abuse violations, or arrest for weapon possession.
- **Information on Sexual Assaults and Rape Awareness Programs:** There are no programs to inform students, faculty or staff about sexual assaults or rape awareness. Referrals are made to East Buffalo Township Police at 570-524-2943, emergency 911 or local programs in the home communities of students, faculty or staff.
- **Use and Sale of Controlled Substances and Alcoholic Beverages:** The LPN Career Center participates with the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit in designating all school property as a Drug- Free Workplace and in all policies concerning use and sale of controlled substances and alcoholic beverages. Unlawful distribution, dispensing, possession or use of controlled substances are prohibited. Those violating this prohibition are subject to disciplinary actions, namely, immediate termination of enrollment. Students deemed under the influence of alcohol while under the LPN Career Center’s jurisdiction are subject to similar disciplinary action.

In addition to this Catalog notice for applicants and interested people, this information is included in the LPN Career Center Student Handbook for current students and Policy Book for faculty and staff.