

## Become an LPN!

Parkland College's Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program offers new courses starting January 2008. If you are interested, contact the Health Professions department, 217/351-2224, before December 2007.

### **What is the LPN program?**

LPN is a program of study in nursing that culminates in a certificate. It can be completed in one year of full-time study, including a summer semester. Graduates will be prepared for employment in clinics, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other medical settings. Graduates will also be prepared to take the licensing examination for Licensed Practical Nurse. All course credits earned in the LPN program may be applied to the RN associate degree for students interested in furthering their education.

### **Who should consider the LPN program?**

- Anyone who started Parkland's or another school's RN program but did not complete it for any reason
- A CNA who is interested in advancing through further education
- Anyone interested in a nursing career but not able to commit to two+ years in school

### **Eligibility**

Candidates for admission to the LPN program must:

- Assess into English 101 and Math 098. Students should have taken Algebra I and be ready for Algebra II. No TEAS or any other entrance test will be required.
- Be a CNA in good standing on the Illinois Public Health Registry. To check to see if they have completed the course, passed the exam, and have no background "issues", applicants may go to <http://www.idph.state.il.us/nar/home.htm> and click on "search the healthcare worker registry." Students can also click on "disqualifying convictions" for a review of the conditions that would disqualify them for the registry.

### **Program Requirements**

Students seeking an LPN certificate must take certain required courses, including (at a minimum):

- Anatomy/Physiology I and II
- Psychology 101 and 209
- English 101
- Other courses as required
- If students have already taken these courses and wish to proceed, they may also begin taking the general education courses for Nursing, to better prepare for the LPN-to-RN Bridge Program.

### **LPN Program Information Session**

Look for an information session for students to be announced here soon.

### **For more information**

Call the Health Professions Department at 217/351-2224.