# **School of Health and Community Studies**

#### Information Sheet:

Practical Nursing Program
Ontario College Diploma
2 Years Program
Code: 1704X01FWO

## **Practical Nursing Program Website:**

http://www3.algonquincollege.com/healthandcommunity/program/practical-nursing/

A visit to this website is a must!

#### **Program:**

This two-year Ontario College Diploma program prepares students with the knowledge and skills to work as a practical nurse in the health care system and to write the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination in Ontario.

The Practical Nursing program at Algonquin College consists of theory classes, laboratory and clinical practice experiences, culminating in a final preceptorship experience in the workplace. Nursing is a 24/7 profession and clinical practice can include days, evenings and weekends.

Clinical placement can take place anywhere within the Ottawa Region.

### Clinical Requirements:

Medical and non-medical pre-clinical requirements are tracked by Paramed. Please visit the Practical Nursing Program website to download:

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- 1. Paramed's the Student Communication
- 2. Pre-Placement forms.

The Student Communication package will guide you in completing the pre-clinical requirements. The forms can be completed by Algonquin College Health Services or your family physician.

#### Mobile Learning Program

This is a Mobile Learning Program. Student in this program are required to use a mobile computing device, for example a laptop or tablet computer. Specifics are outlined at www3.algonquincollege.com/mlearning/.

#### **SUCCESS FACTORS:**

This program is well-suited for students who:

1. Enjoy the challenges of working with and accepting people of all ages and

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stages of development and of varying backgrounds.

- 2. Possess good communication and interpersonal skills.
- 3. Enjoy working with others as a member of a team or in a leadership role.
- 4. Possess strong problem-solving and analytical skills.
- 5. Are dedicated patient advocates.
- 6. Possess ability to handle physically demanding situations.
- 7. Possess maturity and are flexible.

Please visit the College of Nurse of Ontario website to review the Requisite Skills and Abilities for Nursing Practice in Ontario.

### Your Career:

Registered Practical Nurses work closely with health care teams in a variety of community clinics, private homes, nursing homes, homes for the aged, geriatric, rehabilitative, medical, surgical and obstetrical units.

Graduates must be licensed by the College of Nurses of Ontario in order to practise in Ontario.

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