



## Practical Nursing Program Whidbey Island Campus

### VISION

The Skagit Valley College, Practical Nursing Program vision is that students who successfully complete the Practical Nursing Program become caring and compassionate health care providers who take responsibility for safe nursing practice, and demonstrate behaviors that promote health and well being of themselves and others.

### MISSION

The mission of the Practical Nursing Program is to prepare students for Washington state licensure eligibility. To accomplish this mission, the Practical Nursing Program will provide the necessary resources and well-prepared faculty. The nursing faculty support and take an active role in life-long learning. It is also the mission of the Practical Nursing Program to develop and maintain collaborative partnerships with its diverse health care community.

### PHILOSOPHY

The Practical Nursing Program is committed to the philosophy of Skagit Valley College that has as its prime objective the facilitation of students' learning toward realistic goals commensurate with their needs and abilities. The Practical Nursing Program philosophy reflects nursing faculty beliefs that focus on the key concepts of **individual, environment, health/wellness and illness, nursing, nursing practice, and education.**

**Individual:** We the faculty of the Practical Nursing Program believe that the individual is a unique, holistic being with biopsychosocial and spiritual dimensions. An individual possesses dignity, self-worth and the inherent right to assume responsibility for self and others.

**Environment:** The environment includes all of the internal and external conditions and circumstances that influence the individual. We believe the Practical Nursing Program should provide a climate conducive to learning, stimulate creative and productive participation, and foster positive attitudes and behaviors.

**Health/Wellness and Illness:** We believe that health is a dynamic state on the wellness-illness continuum, requiring continuous adaptation to stress in the internal and external environment. Illness occurs when the ability to adapt to stress is altered.

**Nursing:** We believe that nursing is an art and applied science that utilizes intellectual, interpersonal, and technical skills within the framework of the Nursing Process. Nursing involves client advocacy throughout each phase of life and death. Individuals who deliver nursing care are responsible for their knowledge and accountable for their actions.

**Nursing Practice:** We believe graduates of the Practical Nursing Program should be prepared to function effectively as an entry-level member of the health care team in the role of the Licensed Practical Nurse as defined by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission. We believe the program prepares graduates to successfully pass the exam for licensure as a Practical Nurse, prepared for immediate employment.

**Education:** We believe that learning is an active, lifelong process manifested by changes in behavior that persists. Learning is a sequential process beginning with basic tasks and moving to more complex skills. Aspects of learning include perceptions, recognition, differentiation, and generalization. Students have an active role in the learning process. Adult learners are responsible for their own learning. Nursing faculty are facilitators, resource persons, role models, and motivators within the learning process.