

Practical Nursing-SLO Assessment, Spring 2013 Results

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Survey Overview

Description

Practical Nursing, Spring 2013

Instructions Provided To Respondents

There are four sections in this survey.

- The first section contains two questions about your overall experience in the program. Use this section to identify things you liked, things you would change, and to communicate any other comments about your overall experience in the program. If you have feedback about the instruction or anything else related to the overall program, please address that in one of these questions.
- The second section addresses the college core abilities. The core abilities are overall skills that all graduates should acquire during their experience at Western. Focus on yourself in this section.
- The third section addresses the specific outcomes for your program. Please focus on yourself in this section.
- The conclusion provides a comment section for any additional information you would like to share about your experience with your program and Western Technical College.

Thank you for completing this survey.

Respondent Metrics

Respondents: 10
First Response: 4/29/2013 07:46 AM
Last Response: 5/12/2013 09:18 PM

Survey Results

The following is a tabular depiction of the responses to each survey question. Additional comments provided by respondents, if any, are included after each table.

Section - General Overview of Program

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We appreciate your feedback, comments and suggestions. The information you provide will strengthen our program. Thank you.

1. What did you like about this program?

Charlene Hopkins (0000000624 Anonymous)

Hands on experiences (0000000339 Anonymous)

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I liked that most of my classes were close to home. We had small groups in skills and clinical and this gave us more time with our instructors. (0000000549 Anonymous)

I thought that the program was suited to fit the needs of the potential LPN I like that even though I was LPN I was treated as an ADN student. (0000000548 Anonymous)

It's short and cheap (0000000623 Anonymous)

The flexibility of the classes (0000000421 Anonymous)

The instructors were ALL very knowledgeable, very smart, and shared some wonderful stories (0000000622 Anonymous)

The instructors. They were very helpful and available when needed (0000000422 Anonymous)

2. What would you change about this program?

clinical prep work (0000000339 Anonymous)

Exams need to have a time frame that it can be taken in, instead of a set time. It's better for me to take the exam by myself instead of with 30 other people (0000000622 Anonymous)

Grading. (0000000624 Anonymous)

I would change skills at acute care in 2nd semester a little bit. I had a class in La X on Wed, would get back to Mauston depending on traffic sometimes after 6 pm that night. I'd have to run up to the hospital, get my patient info and return home. Some nights after doing med, lab cards and all the other information that was needed I was up until 2am in the morning. (The 1st clinical night I was up until 3:30 am due to the school computer going down and our forms not printing out). We then had to turn around and get up at 5 am to get to clinical not leaving much time to sleep. This was really tiring and overwhelming to all of us students. I really didn't look forward to clinical prep on those nights or clinical because I knew what it would be like. (0000000549 Anonymous)

N/A (0000000421 Anonymous)

Nothing (0000000548 Anonymous)

The exam pass rule. I think we shouldn't fail if we get below a 78% if we are getting outstanding grades on everything else. Some people just aren't good test takers. (0000000623 Anonymous)

Times when the classes are offered (0000000422 Anonymous)

Well, i'm not sure that this can change. But there seems to be too little time available for proper completion of clinical prep, med cards, and lab cards. Eventually we all just do the work to get it done, and stop caring about what we're getting out of it, because we're so exhausted. I didn't find out that there was a list of commonly used meds and labs on the nursing program board until after winter break...so maybe sending out a mass email notifying that wonderful resource, nearing the end of the 1st semester would be nice. It would give the students who are interested, some time to work on med card and lab cards over winter break. (0000000419 Anonymous)

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Section - Western Technical College Core Abilities

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This section addresses the college core abilities. The core abilities are overall skills that all graduates should acquire during their experience at Western. Focus on yourself in this segment. As a result of this program:

3. I have learned effective communication skills.

100% 10 Yes

4. Comments on effective communication skills.

Clinical instructor always was teaching and improving communication skills (000000622 Anonymous)

When I first started this program my communication skills needed some work, I learned alot about how to communicate in this program (000000548 Anonymous)

5. I am able to apply mathematical concepts.

100% 10 Yes

6. Comments on application of mathematical concepts.

I learned how to calculate meds (000000548 Anonymous)

I took a refresher course a couple years ago and this really helped. Our skills instructor really couldn't teach this well and had a lot students mixed up. Us students ended getting together and teaching each so we knew what we were doing. (000000549 Anonymous)

Instructors were great about teaching medication math (000000622 Anonymous)

7. I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.

100% 10 Yes

8. Comments on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

All that I learned in A&P helped me in this program (000000548 Anonymous)

9. I learned critical thinking skills.

100% 10 Yes

10. Comments on critical thinking skills.

Instructors were always adding their knowledge into different situations to help us think, but also allow us to figure it out on our own, and had wonderful stories (000000622 Anonymous)

Mostly care planning and prioritizing cares (000000548 Anonymous)

11. I have learned to use technology effectively.

100% 10 Yes

12. Comments on effective use of technology.

Computer systems in clinical facilities (000000548 Anonymous)

It was difficult when you are at different locations for clinicals. All computer systems are a little different so it helps if your instructor is familiar with the system. (000000549 Anonymous)

More practice with IV pumps would be nice (000000339 Anonymous)

13. I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.

100% 10 Yes

14. Comments on valuing self and working ethically in a diverse population.

Not everyone is the same, everyone has their own feelings and beliefs we must respect that (0000000548 Anonymous)

15. I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.

90.0% 9 Yes
10.0% 1 No

16. Comments on incorporating the importance of sustainability.

None (0000000548 Anonymous)

Section - Specific Program Outcomes**Instructions Provided To Respondents**

This section addresses the specific outcomes for your program. Please focus on yourself in this section. As a result of this program, I learned to:

17. Adhere to standards of practice within legal, ethical, and regulatory frameworks of the licensed practical nurse.

100% 10 Yes

18. Comments about learning this program outcome.**19. Use effective communication skills recognizing lifespan considerations.**

100% 10 Yes

20. Comments about learning this program outcome.**21. Assist with health assessment of individuals, families, and groups across the lifespan.**

100% 10 Yes

22. Comments about learning this program outcome.**23. Participate in clinical decision-making within the LPN scope of practice.**

100% 10 Yes

24. Comments about learning this program outcome.

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25. Provide safe caring interventions with diverse populations across the lifespan.

100% 10 Yes

26. Comments about learning this program outcome.

I think an instructor should be on site when we are getting our clinical paperwork. (0000000549 Anonymous)

27. Use principles of teaching and learning processes to reinforce teaching plans recognizing lifespan considerations.

100% 10 Yes

28. Comments about learning this program outcome.**29. Work cooperatively with others to provide holistic care.**90.0% 9 Yes
10.0% 1 No**30. Comments about learning this program outcome.****31. Under supervision, manage and direct care within and across health care setting according to established protocols.**

100% 10 Yes

32. Comments about learning this program outcome.

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Section - Conclusion**Instructions Provided To Respondents**

Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

33. Comments

I have really enjoyed the LPN program at WTC. 95% of the instructors were amazing! They really helped with learning the material and were available outside of the class room if needed. They made the learning experience fun! (0000000422 Anonymous)

Instructors preach professionalism, but have the attitude of do as I say and not as I do. (0000000624 Anonymous)

Instructors Stacy Madsen and Elizabeth Wood were absolutely amazing! They were wonderful instructors, taught us a bunch, helped us expand our skills, and were such great leaders. (0000000622 Anonymous)

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Overall I had a good experience. I knew coming into this program it was going to be hard taking classes, having a family and still working. I have to admit I'm proud how well I did, there were times I wanted to quit, but I had great support to keep me going. I think it really helped when I had a couple instructors and they made positive comments and were very supportive. (Char Hopkins, Jen Jostad). They really went the extra mile. The only thing that was kinda frustrating was some e mails that were sent to us with wording of you have to do this on this date or you may be out of the program and unable to graduate. I realize tests need to be taken, but ATI tests should be posted in advance if they aren't on a regular class date so students whom work etc can make these dates. (000000549 Anonymous)