



Compton College Nursing Program Quarterly Report November 2022

The Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) NCLEX-RN pass rates are reported each quarter. Our first quarter pass rate (July 2022 to September 2022) is 76.4 percent; 13 of 17 recent graduates passed the NCLEX exam on their first attempt. Our average 3-year pass rate (83.45 percent) is slightly under our annual NCLEX-RN pass rate goal of 85 percent and above. We hired professional experts to meet the BRN's recommended position of clinical teaching assistant (CTA) to our clinical hospital rotations to reduce the nursing faculty to nursing student ratios. Research demonstrates that CTAs who work with seasoned nursing faculty increase nursing students' clinical reasoning, critical thinking, and clinical skills acquisition. This is in addition to increasing the nursing faculty professional development activities focused on the use of the Canvas platform and the adoption of new advances in teaching pedagogy, such as increasing the use of online testing versus pen and paper exams. Faculty and students are also encouraged to effectively utilize the Assessment Technology Incorporated (ATI) resources such as the Next Generation NCLEX-RN exam resources and the bi-monthly in-service faculty workshops from our primary nursing publishers. These resources strengthen our nursing faculty teaching toolboxes for student-centered learning and support for student success. We offer several content specific weekly nursing student tutoring sessions and several days of open skills lab where students practice and strengthen their clinical nursing skills. We are upgrading, repairing, and replacing obsolete simulation laboratory equipment with state-of-the-art high-fidelity mannequins, and student skill trainers for real life skill lab practicums. We are looking forward to a fully operational simulation lab by spring 2023.

The Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) program is our NURS 103 Nursing Assistant 5-unit course, which began last fall 2021. This 8-week course meets on Mondays and Tuesdays for lecture from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm and on Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for skills lab and clinical rotations at Del Amo Care Center in Torrance. Applicants complete our CNA Program Application Checklist located on the Compton College Nursing website to prepare for enrollment. This checklist informs applicants of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) state requirements for course enrollment. Items on the checklist inform applicants of the initial CNA program state application, Live Scan fingerprinting requirements, obtaining cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification, and the clinical onboarding health requirements such as COVID-19 vaccination and additional required facility health screenings. All applicants who complete the checklist are invited via their Compton College email to a virtual CNA Program information session for course information and enrollment. This fall, 11 students are currently enrolled out of the 40 applicants that completed the checklist for session 2. We are looking at ways to share the

program information with the community and to support more applicants through the process and eventually enroll in the program. So far 28 students have completed the CNA Program. Recently, we were approved as a California Regional Certification Testing Site. This allows us to provide nursing assistant certification testing by a Regional Testing Center nurse here on campus in our classroom and nursing skills lab.

The CNA Program course is offered twice each fall and spring. A one-time California Community College Chancellor's Office grant pays for textbooks, skills lab videos, a secure data base CastleBranch personal student account for health records and drug screening, uniforms, and Compton College Nursing Assistant uniform patches. Students pay for their CDPH Live Scans and their certification testing fees. The cost for CNA certification is \$120.00 per student, unfortunately this expense is a real barrier for many graduates. To date, less than half of our graduates have tested for certification. We are working with the Strong Work Force Program to pay for or subsidize the CNA certification testing fees.

In summary, we have successfully navigated many of the restrictions imposed upon us due to the Covid-19 pandemic and are now thriving in our fully in-person nursing programs