

## **East Arkansas Community College**

### **Philosophy of the Practical Nursing Program**

The Practical Nursing mission is to prepare PNs who are competent to function as a member of the health care team in acute care settings, long term care facilities, community clinics. We believe since nursing is an art, science, and a service, that the practical nurse should be skilled in all three areas to be a successful member of the health care team. We recognize that each complex living human being has physical, mental, emotional, and social needs that must be met to maintain one's own self-image, dignity, and self-worth. Each person has the basic right to maintain and enjoy the best level of health possible. We believe individuals across the life span have the right to the best possible nursing care. To accomplish this, the practical nurse should communicate therapeutically to the patient, the patient's family, and other members of the health care team. Care should be implemented based on the Nursing Process and should incorporate the patient's cultural differences.

Our mission includes training a practical nurse that demonstrates basic knowledge and skill to safely render or delegate nursing care. An essential component of this nursing care will be teaching the patient and the patient's family. It is our goal to instill a desire to learn so that the PN student can easily make the transition from student to a practicing nurse that seeks out opportunities for increased knowledge that meets lifelong learning goals in the field of nursing.

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