

KAPLAN COLLEGE'S LAS VEGAS CAMPUS LAUNCHES NEW PRACTICAL NURSING DIPLOMA *Second Nevada Higher Education Institution to Offer Practical Nursing*

LAS VEGAS, Aug. 11, 2008—The Kaplan College Las Vegas campus has opened enrollment for its new practical nursing diploma program. The career-focused program is designed to help students acquire the skills necessary to obtain entry-level practical nursing positions in health care facilities. Classes begin Nov. 5, 2008.

The campus will host an enrollment event on Tuesday, September 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tours of the school, including the new nursing lab will be available. Interested individuals will also have the opportunity to meet the director of the nursing program, Lilly Gonzales, and Rob Dillman, executive director of Kaplan College.

The 50-week program aims to teach students primary job skills such as basic patient, post-surgical, pediatric, elderly patient and maternal/child nursing care. Instructors will emphasize hands-on experience and lead students in a clinical rotation to experience a variety of patient care areas.

Kaplan College launched its practical nursing program to help address the growing need for licensed practical nurses throughout the state. Kaplan College is now the second school in the state of Nevada to offer a practical nursing program. According to the Long-Term Occupational Employment Projections, a report by the Nevada Workforce Informer, department of the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, licensed practical and vocational nursing positions are expected to increase 42.1 percent from 2004 to 2014.

"We are proud to offer our new practical nursing program in response to the growing needs of our Las Vegas community," said Dillman. "We are committed to providing career-focused programs in high-demand fields throughout Clark County."

Upon graduation, students may be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Reporting directly to a physician or registered nurse, licensed practical nurses deliver care to a range of patients in a wide variety of clinical settings. LPN's may find employment in a variety of settings including hospitals, long-term care, home health, correctional facilities, doctor's offices, clinics, ambulatory care, hospice care and as a school nurse.

Kaplan College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSC). ACCSC is listed as a nationally recognized accrediting agency by the United States Department of Education.

Kaplan College's Las Vegas campus offers an associate of arts degree program in criminal justice as well as five diploma programs in fields including allied health and computer sciences.

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