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## **New England Institute of Technology Announces the Launch of its Practical Nurse Program to Aid in Nursing Shortage**

East Greenwich, RI – Dr. Douglas H. Sherman, Senior Vice President and Provost at New England Institute of Technology (NEIT), announced that the university’s College of Health Sciences, in conjunction with its Department of Nursing, will offer a Practical Nurse (PN) program starting in March 2022. This new program was developed in response to the nursing shortage both locally and nationally. The Practical Nurse program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Students can complete the Practical Nurse program in 15 months. The curriculum includes fundamental nursing skills which then advances to caring for adult medical and surgical patients, children and families, women and newborns and mental health clients. Upon successful completion of the PN program, students are awarded a certificate. They are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

Graduates of the Practical Nurse program can choose their career path from several diverse employment opportunities. Some of the healthcare settings include hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, physicians’ offices, and other medical entities.

NEIT also offers an 18-month Associate in Science in Nursing program that prepares students to begin a career as a Registered Nurse (RN). Practical Nurse graduates will have a smooth transition into the on-campus RN program. Advanced nursing degrees at NEIT also include a 15-month fully online Registered Nurse/Bachelor of Science in Nursing program (RN/BN) as well as a 24-month hybrid Master of Science in Nursing program.

“New England Institute of Technology is pleased to continue our tradition of establishing programs that meet a demand-side need and is offered using an experiential learning methodology at its core,” stated Sherman. “The Practical Nursing program at NEIT will provide its students with the training necessary to be successful and the opportunity to continue their undergraduate and graduate studies seamlessly at our College of Health Sciences.”

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Under the leadership of President Richard I. Gouse, New England Institute of Technology is a private, non-profit technical university and is accredited by the New England Commission on Higher Education. Founded in 1940, the university offers more than 50 undergraduate and graduate programs focusing on a proven combination of technical expertise coupled with experiential learning. Visit [www.neit.edu](http://www.neit.edu) and follow news of the university on Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, Instagram, and LinkedIn.