

**Southeast Tech**  
Nursing Program Overview  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Purpose:**

To provide the School Board information about the Nursing Program at Southeast Tech, and to meet faculty, staff, students and graduates of the program.

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The Nursing Program offers a one-year LPN diploma program, and a one-year LPN to RN Associate of Applied Science program. Both programs have prerequisites necessary before starting nursing courses.

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**Administrative Recommendation to School Board:**

To acknowledge the Nursing Program Report.



# THIS IS OUR STORY SOUTHEAST TECH NURSING

Report to Sioux Falls School Board

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# OUR STORY: SOUTHEAST TECH NURSING

## Our Programs

- Licensed Practical Nursing Diploma
  - One semester of prerequisites
  - 11 Months of LPN courses
  - Must be a CNA
- LPN to RN AAS Degree
  - One semester of prerequisites
  - Must be licensed LPN with work experience
  - One year of RN courses



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# OUR FACULTY AND STAFF

- One full time Nursing Program Director and Nursing Program Secretary
- LPN Program
  - Currently 10 full time faculty, 2 with MSN, 6 with BSN, with 2 ADN
  - 1 full time Lab specialist who is a LPN
  - 16 to 20 adjunct clinical instructors each semester
  - Wide variety of backgrounds and nursing experience
- RN Program
  - Currently 3 full time faculty, all with the MSN
  - Sara – Mental Health and Rural Medical – Surgical nursing
  - Anne – OB
  - Stephanie – PACU and Pulmonary

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# OUR FACULTY AND STAFF



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# WE DO TRUST OUR STUDENTS!



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# STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

- LPN students administered over 1300 flu shots at IPC this fall
- Helped numerous facilities administer flu shots to staff and patients
- LPN Student Organization helps with Boy Scout learning activities



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# OUR PROGRAM

- All curriculum, student and program outcomes are aligned with QSEN standards (Quality and Safety Education for Nurses)
- Both LPN and RN programs have full approval status from the South Dakota Board of Nursing
- LPN Program just had site visit from the BON, received full approval status for 4 more years
- RN program is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Commission on Education in Nursing (ACEN)

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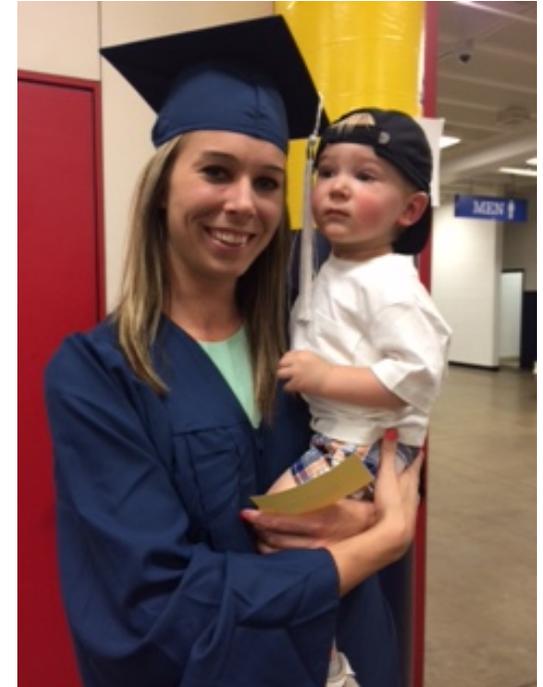
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# OUR FACILITY



# OUR LPN STUDENTS

- LPN
  - May be recent High School graduates
  - Seeking second career
  - Non-traditional trying college for the first time
  - Full time day program—students encouraged to work no more than 20 hours/week
  - Evening program for those working full time



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# OUR LPN STUDENTS



- Caasha Barse
- Will graduate from LPN program in December

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# OUR RN STUDENTS

- RN
  - Must have current LPN license with work experience
  - Many working full time while taking courses
  - Encouraged to cut back on work hours if possible
  - Usually only 2 days/week but more outside time required
  - Students must be organized from the start

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# OUR STUDENTS

- Robert Schmidt
- Graduated from LPN program in June, 2015
- Currently attends the RN program and will graduate in December

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# OUR LPN DATA

- LPN Program started in 2001
- Since then over 1000 have graduated
- Two program starts for day groups, January and August
- Evening program starts each spring
- Total of 130-140 accepted each year
- Graduation rate consistently greater than 80%
- Board pass rates 98.6% mean over the past 3 years, national average 82.5%

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# TAACCCT GRANT FOR LPN

- Funds used to build two simulation trailers
- One class graduated in Chamberlain, 7 students, all passed boards
- Current class in Pierre, 4 students, will complete in March, 2017
- Started a separate cohort for Sanford in fall, 2015
- Plan to start second and third cohorts in January 2017 and 2018



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# OUR RN DATA

- Started the LPN to RN program in 2012
- 102 graduates since start of program
- Accept 24 students twice each year, in January and August
- Retention rate consistently above goal of 75%
- Board pass rate 3 year mean of 90.83% in 2014, consistently above national average



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# OUR CAREERS AND IMPACT

- If you have entered any health care facility in this region, chances are you have met one of our graduates
- Job placement is 100% for both LPN and RN programs
- Work at numerous types of facilities, including clinics, hospitals, long term care, hospice, and correctional health
- Many RN students go on to complete their BSN online

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# NURSING STAFF SUCCESS STORIES

- Bernadette Willuweit, LPN
- LPN Lab Specialist
- Graduated from previous LPN program taught in basement of Lowell Elementary!
- Sarah Lang, RN
- Faculty for LPN program
- Graduated from LPN and RN programs



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# NURSING STAFF SUCCESS STORIES

- Britney Mower, RN
- Graduated from LPN program
- Faculty for LPN program

- Myra Werkmeister, RN
- Graduated from RN program
- Faculty for LPN program



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# THANK YOU

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