

Lawrence County Career and Technical Center



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Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to Health Assisting! I am excited about the opportunity to get to know you, and I am looking forward to an enjoyable and productive school year.

Health Assisting (HA) is a three-year program. It introduces the students to a variety of health related careers. Certifications gained during the program are: <u>Direct Care Staff Training</u> (Dept. Of Human Services), <u>BLS Provider CPR and First Ai</u>d (American Heart Association), <u>Certified Nursing Assistant</u> (NATCEP), and we are excited and proud to announce the addition of an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) course to the program for senior students!

Each student will have the opportunity to enroll in the Nurse Aide Training Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) during their <u>second</u> school year. Upon completion of the NATCEP, students will sit for the state exam and be evaluated in theory and skills. Every student that passes the exam will be registered in the state of Pennsylvania as a Nurse Aide. We are extremely proud of our success within the CNA course, and students who have obtained wonderful employment opportunities from this certification program.

Students will wear nursing scrubs on a daily basis while in the shop. All students will be wearing <u>black</u> scrubs (shirt and pants), a jacket is optional. The scrubs may be purchased at <u>any</u> location. It is recommended to purchase at least 3 sets of scrubs. Also, students must wear athletic style shoes (color does not matter). Students may purchase LCCTC t-shirts, as they will be periodically worn on certain occasions and have the opportunity to have our screen printed stethoscope onto the shirt (details in person). Every Friday is "spirit days" in HA. Students can wear their black scrub pants with a home school or LCCTC spirit top. If a student has been in attendance all week, abided by classroom standards and has worn their correct apparel Monday-Thursday, they are permitted to wear colorful scrubs in addition to a school spirit shirt.

Please purchase <u>two</u> 3-ring binders. One should be 3 inches in size and will be used for their theory/lecture notes; the other binder should be 1 inch to be used in the lab area for skills checklists. Additionally, you should have a 1 subject notebook.



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The grading policy reflects the Student-Parent handbook. Twenty-five percent of the overall grade is "knowledge" which includes tests/quizzes, twenty-five percent of the overall grade is "skills" which include hands on competencies, and fifty percent over the overall grade is "work ethic". Work ethic grades are evaluated on a daily basis worth 10 points. Students are evaluated in the following categories: uniform, attitude/behavior, performance and attendance for work ethic grades. Attendance is crucial for success.

If you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to visit our classroom, or schedule a conference, you can contact either instructor at 724-658-3583 Ext. 8139, or email me at vpavia@lcvt.tec.pa.us

Once again, welcome to Health Assisting! Let's work together to make this your best year ever! You are today's learners, and tomorrow's healthcare providers.

Sincerely,

Mr. Vincent Pavia RN. BSEd

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Checklist for LCCTC Health Assisting Program

Three sets of black scrubs (from any location)
Three inch binder (for theory notes etc.)
One inch binder (for skills lab)
_ 1 subject notebook (used for vocabulary)
A motivated compassionate mind

