

## **Washington School of Practical Nursing Philosophy**

The Washington School of Practical Nursing is within the framework of Four Rivers Career Center and will uphold its belief that all people should have the opportunity to prepare themselves for socially gainful employment and thereby live useful and satisfactory lives.

The faculty of this program is committed to the education of the students entering into it. We will provide current information using a variety of teaching methods. We will also provide a variety of clinical experiences. These experiences will be provided to assist in the development of knowledge, judgement, skills and values necessary to perform effectively as a practical nurse.

The faculty has the following philosophical beliefs:

- We believe nursing is an art. The ability to deliver compassionate care to an individual who has deviated from the normal health status.
- We further believe that nursing is the art of teaching prevention measures to maintain the normal healthy status and teaching measures of prudence to control a chronic illness.
- We believe the practical nurse is a vital part of the health care team. The practical nurse is a client advocate and they work under the supervision of a licensed physician or a registered nurse.
- The practical nurse will uphold a high moral/ethical standard and are accountable for their actions.
- We believe the practical nurse shall possess interpersonal communication skills in order to develop rapport with clients, families, and members of the health care team.
- The purpose of practical nurse education is to provide the foundation for the beliefs above. We believe education is a continuous process and essential to expand expertise in the profession and self-development.