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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-