



Pratt Community College to Suspend Practical Nursing (PN) Program

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PRATT, KS. Effective at the conclusion of the Spring 2022 semester, Pratt Community College is suspending its Practical Nursing (PN) program.

The PN program at PCC has maintained a high level of success due to the dedication of its faculty, staff and administration. This is further evidenced by students' National Council of State Boards Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) test scores ranking consistently higher than national average pass rates over the past several years. However, continued enrollment and staffing challenges played a large role in the final decision.

PCC President Dr. Michael Calvert continues to work with administration to find solutions for future offerings.

"It is with great regret that Pratt Community College has made the difficult decision to suspend its Practical Nursing (PN) program due to ongoing low enrollment and staffing challenges. The decision to suspend the PN program was not easy. In spite of strong instruction, excellent marketing campaigns, and an attempt to increase enrollment through distance learning, low enrollment and staffing challenges continue."

The change does not affect current PN students who will complete the 2021-2022 program as scheduled in May. PCC's Pre-Nursing program remains strong and meets the Pre-Nursing curriculum needs of our students who are considering a nursing career.

Additionally, the decision has no bearing on the forthcoming partnership with [Barton Community College](#) to deliver the Associate Degree Nursing Program on the PCC Campus. The partnership with BCC is on track to begin in the Fall of 2022.

It is possible the PN program may be offered on the Pratt Community College campus in the future. However, the formal processes in partnering with another institution to offer PN training may not be complete by the 2022-2023 academic year.