

HOMESTEAD SCHOOLS IN TORRANCE TRAINS PEOPLE FOR HIGH-PAYING REWARDING CAREERS IN VOCATIONAL NURSING

Graduated from high school and don't know what you want to do? Been a career professional for several years, but now interested in switching to something else? Have you become a victim of massive layoffs that are sweeping through our economy making you the latest "dislocated" worker? Want a job that not only pays well but is rewarding?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, you should consider a career in the healthcare field. As most business professionals will tell you, this is one of the few areas of our economy that's still growing in employment and compensation. Homestead Schools in Torrance is doing its part to train young people to take up these jobs. The school offers a highly regarded vocational nursing program that prepares students to become licensed nurses and secure jobs in clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, and long-term care facilities. Most important, the school offers federal student aid in the form of Pell grants and student loans.

Homestead Schools offers a fully accredited vocational nursing program that can fit anyone's schedule: you can choose a day schedule of 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., or an evening schedule of 4 p.m. – 10 p.m., or a part-time weekend schedule. The school has one of the highest pass rates among schools offering similar programs and it actively assists its graduates to obtain employment.

The school has several new classes starting in the coming weeks and there are only a limited number of openings remaining. For a limited time, the school is giving a free laptop to each admitted student. You'll also get text books, uniforms, and tools and equipment you need for clinical training.

The school is located at 23844 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 200, Torrance. You should call (310) 791-9975 and make an appointment with the admissions office. You'll be able to tour the school, visit the classrooms and the skills lab, meet with instructors and students, and fill out your student aid application. You'll be on your way to a rewarding career.

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FINANCIAL AID COMES TO HOMESTEAD!

If You've Been Waiting for Financial Aid to Join the Vocational Nursing Program at Homestead, Wait No More!



For those who qualify, Homestead Schools may now have the solution. In recent months as the financial crisis gripped the country it had become nearly impossible to obtain student loans for any kind of a program. We had to turn away a large number of ambitious, qualified prospective students simply because they didn't have the personal funds to pay for the schooling. Our school is now approved for Title IV funding programs by the U.S. Dept. of Education. There's a variety of programs: some involve outright aid with no repayment required; some have direct loans from the U.S. Treasury with low interest rate, and some provide loans from private lenders; and there's a loan program for parents of dependent students. Each situation needs to be looked at individually. Your first step is to contact the admissions office at (310) 791-9975 and set up an appointment. We have convenient morning, evening, and weekend schedules. We already have started accepting applications for our next vocational nursing class. The class has only a limited number openings and will be filled up very quickly. Make your appointment today!

Next VN classes start in 60 Days.
It has never been easier to join the program than now.
Make Your Dream Come True.

Here's what you'll get when you join our VN program:

- ✓ Financial aid if you qualify
- ✓ Direct loan at a low fixed interest rate
- ✓ Low interest rate loans from private lenders
- ✓ Loans for parents of dependent students
- ✓ Merit-based scholarships
- Plus . . .***
- ✓ FREE Laptop loaded with over 3000 NCLEX-style questions
- ✓ All the prescribed text books
- ✓ Equipment for the skills lab and clinical experience
- ✓ A nice smart-looking uniform
- ✓ NCLEX review classes FREE
- ✓ . . . and employment assistance when you graduate

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HOMESTEAD SCHOOLS WAIVES TUITION FOR ITS NURSE ASSISTING PROGRAM FOR POTENTIAL CNAs

Homestead Schools in Torrance is inviting qualified applicants to join its nurse assisting class with a very special offer: Pay no tuition for the entire 5-week-long program consisting of theory and clinical training at the end of which graduates will be able to take the board exam and become certified nurse assistants. The normal tuition for this program is \$1,200 with some schools charging even more. Your only cost would be for the text books and uniform, and registration, approximately \$200.

Certified nurse assistants (CNAs) work in extended care facilities, nursing homes, hospitals, or private homes under the supervision of a registered nurse. They provide basic patient care and comfort. It is a very rewarding job and provides an entry into healthcare arena, probably the only field where employment is plentiful even in this economy.

Homestead Schools is a leading school in nursing education. It has several full-time and part-time vocational nursing classes running at present in Torrance. Graduates of the school have gone on to secure employment in various hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes. The school is starting this pilot program in nurse assisting, as it provides a natural progression for many students; CNAs typically gain some experience working in extended care settings and then join the vocational nursing program to move up the ladder for an even more enriching career. Waiving the tuition is the school's way of introducing young people to a new career.

In this pilot program the school is going to admit only a limited number of students, about 12-15 per class, and this is your chance to get your foot in the door.

No other private school is offering such a program. Take advantage of it while the offer lasts. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose. The school is located at 23844 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 200, Torrance, Calif. Call the admissions office at (310) 791-9975 to make an appointment.

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HOMESTEAD SCHOOLS IN TORRANCE/SOUTH BAY TRAINS STUDENTS FOR CAREERS IN MEDICAL ASSISTING

Torrance - Homestead Schools located in Torrance is accepting applications for the next medical assisting class starting in July 2011. Medical assisting is a six-month program on a full-time schedule which includes classroom instruction and internship in a medical clinic or physician's office. The program prepares students to work in the front or back office assisting registered nurses or physicians in the office. Becoming a medical assistant will earn you an entry in the enviable and highly respected field of health care.

The earnings of medical assistants vary, depending on their experience, skill level, and location. Most medical assistants earn between \$25,000 to \$30,000 and with experience go on to higher positions and better pay. The school offers assistance with job placement.

Duties of medical assistants vary from office to office depending on location, size, and specialty. In small practices, medical assistants usually are generalists, handling both administrative and clinical duties and reporting directly to an office manager, physician, or other health practitioner. Those in large practices tend to specialize in a particular area, under the supervision of department administrators.

Most employers prefer graduates of formal programs in medical assisting. Employment of medical assistants is expected to grow much faster than average. Employment growth will be driven by the increase in the number of group practices, clinics, and other healthcare facilities that need a high proportion of support personnel, particularly the flexible medical assistant who can handle both administrative and clinical duties. In fact, medical assisting is projected to be one of the fastest growing occupations over the 2012-2020 period.

There are only a limited number of spaces available for this class and they're getting filled quickly. So if you wish to take advantage of this offer, contact Homestead Schools at (310) 791-9975 immediately and ask to speak with a counselor. The school is located at 23844 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 200, Torrance, CA 90505. 8/11

IV THERAPY & BLOOD WITHDRAWAL CERTIFICATION COURSE FOR LVNs

HOMESTEAD SCHOOLS in Torrance offers IV Therapy & Blood Withdrawal Certification Course for LVNs. The course includes 36 hours of instruction, 27 hours of theory and 9 hours of clinical, generally spread over 4 days, often on weekends for your convenience. Cost: \$200 for Homestead students, \$240 for others. Call Homestead at (310) 791-9975 for the next schedule.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to prepare Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) to start and superimpose intravenous fluid via primary or secondary infusion lines and perform blood withdrawal. The course will cover psychological preparation of the patient, legal aspect in IV therapy & blood withdrawal, infection control, indications for IV therapy, types of venipuncture devices, delivery systems, intravenous fluids, venipuncture sites, observation of the patient, regulation of the fluid flow, selection of equipment, complications of IV therapy, methods of blood withdrawal, method selection, safety measures, complications and preparation of withdrawal sites.

Students will perform simulated and actual intravenous catheterizations and blood withdrawals. Additionally, each student must complete a minimum of three (3) individually supervised successful venipunctures/arterial punctures on live subjects and at least three (3) individually supervised skin punctures on live subjects.

LVNs will receive 36 contact hours upon successful course completion.

COURSE OBJECTIVES (THEORY)

At the completion of the intravenous therapy/blood withdrawal course, each participant shall be able to:

1. Discuss the legal requirements pertaining to starting and/or superimposing intravenous fluids and withdrawing blood.
2. Discuss the legal requirements pertaining to performing arterial punctures for the purpose of withdrawing blood.
3. Differentiate types of parenteral fluids and blood components.
4. Correlate intravenous fluids with fluid and electrolyte imbalances.
5. Identify clinical manifestations associated with fluid and blood component infusion.
6. State indications for TPN therapy.
7. Discuss potential complications from TPN therapy.
8. Explain the rationale for blood withdrawal and arterial punctures.

9. Explain the rationale for initiation of an intravenous infusion or transfusion of blood or blood products.
10. Identify types of skin puncture, arterial puncture, and venipuncture devices.
11. Describe correct use of each skin puncture, arterial puncture, and venipuncture device.
12. Identify types of fluid delivery system devices.
13. Describe correct use of each fluid delivery system device including regulation of infusion flow rate.
14. Describe accurate techniques for performing skin punctures, arterial punctures, and venipunctures; including direct and indirect methods.
15. Discuss psychological preparation of a patient/client which should be completed prior to treatment.
16. Correlate relevant anatomy and physiology with criteria for selection of venipuncture, skin puncture, or arterial puncture sites.
17. Identify the safety precautions utilized when administering intravenous therapy, withdrawing blood and testing for adequate circulation pertaining to arterial puncture site.
18. Discuss potential local and systemic complications of intravenous therapy and blood withdrawal and include correct nursing observations and preventive measures.

CLINICAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

During clinical experience, the participant shall be able to:

1. Explain the procedure to the patient and provide adequate supportive measures.
2. Select correct venipuncture, skin puncture, arterial puncture, and infusion equipment and correctly assemble for use.
3. Select and correctly prepare an appropriate site for venipuncture, blood withdrawal or arterial puncture.
4. Perform three (3) successful venipunctures/arterial punctures and three (3) successful skin punctures on live subjects while adhering to universal precautions.
5. Observe the patient for adverse reactions.
6. Demonstrate appropriate safety measures when performing venipuncture, blood withdrawal or arterial puncture, including universal precautions.
7. Safely secure the venipuncture device.
8. Adjust the flow rate to the prescribed rate.

COURSE OUTLINE

IV THERAPY:

Legal Aspects of IV Therapy
IV Infusion Preparations
Fluids and Electrolytes
Fluid Delivery System

Infusion Flow Rate
Total Parenteral Nutrition
Patient Preparation
Review of Anatomy & Physiology
Safety Measures & Complications in IV Therapy

Skill #1: Preparing the Infusion Set-up
Skill #2: Starting an IV: Over the Needle Catheter
Skill #3 Starting an IV: Insertion of Winged Infusion Set
Skill #4: Discontinuation of IV

BLOOD WITHDRAWAL:

Legal Aspects of Blood Withdrawal
Blood & Blood Product Administration/Arterial Punctures
Blood Collection Equipment & Techniques
Safety Precautions & Complications in Blood Withdrawal
Skill #5: Skin Puncture
Skill #6: Venipuncture by the Evacuated Tube Method
Skill #7: Venipuncture by Winged Infusion (Butterfly) Method
Skill #8: Venipuncture by Syringe Method
Skill #9: Radial Arterial Blood Gas Collection (optional)

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

The objectives of the course will be achieved through lecture, discussion, demonstration, and clinical practice to include content on IV infusion therapy & blood withdrawal.

Strategies utilized in this course include classroom discussion, demonstrations, review questions, critical thinking skills (case studies), oral presentation, return demonstration, group discussion, role play, use of audio-visuals, concept mapping, computer-assisted activities and hands-on skills. Evaluation includes quizzes, skill lab test, and comprehensive exam. A simulated lab component is included.

GRADING POLICY

75% is required to pass this course.

THEORY: Quizzes: 25% Comprehensive Exam: 75%

CLINICAL: The student must pass Clinical Performance Evaluation on the following areas:

1. Preparation and assembly of equipment and device for intravenous therapy, venipuncture, skin puncture and arterial puncture

2. Patient preparation
3. Safety measures , including universal precautions, relative to intravenous fluid administration and blood withdrawal
4. Site Preparation for venipuncture, skin puncture and arterial puncture
5. Techniques of venipuncture, skin punctute and arterial puncture
6. Regulation of flow rate

Additionally, each participant must complete a minimum of three (3) individually supervised successful venipunctures/arterial punctures on live subjects and at least three (3) individually supervised skin punctures on live subjects.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

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HOMESTEAD SCHOOLS OFFERS BLS/CPR CLASSES

Homestead Schools located at 23800 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, Calif. offers BLS/CPR classes every 4-6 weeks. The school has a fully equipped lab and American Heart Association - trained instructors. Upon completion of the 4-5 hour training you'll receive AHA card. Whether you're a newly licensed LVN/RN or renewing your license, you should take advantage of this convenient, low-cost training. Call Homestead Schools at (310) 791-9975 today for the next class schedule. Make your reservations now.

Course Description

The BLS Healthcare Provider Course is designed to provide a wide variety of healthcare professionals the ability to recognize several life-threatening emergencies, provide CPR, use AED, and relieve choking in a safe, timely and effective manner. The course is intended for certified or noncertified, licensed or nonlicensed healthcare professionals.

Course Length: Approximately 4 ½ hours

Intended Audience

Healthcare providers such as physicians, nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, respiratory therapists, physical and occupational therapists, physician's assistants, residents or fellows, or medical or nursing students in training, aides, medical or nursing assistants, police officers, and other allied health personnel.

Some clinical externship sites require American Heart Association (AHA) approved CPR programs. The AHA course, CPR for the Health Care Provider, offers all the training necessary to be prepared in the field.

When Should Someone Use CPR?

The steps in CPR should be used whenever someone is not breathing and when the heart is not beating. After two rescue breaths are given, 30 chest compressions should be started right away.

Someone can stop breathing and/or have cardiac arrest from:

- Heart attacks
- Strokes (when the blood flow to a part of the brain suddenly stops)
- Choking on something that blocks the entire airway
- Near-drowning incidents (when someone is under water for too long and stops breathing)
- A very bad neck, head, or back injury
- Severe electrical shocks (like from touching a power line)
- Being very sick from a serious infection

- Too much bleeding
- Severe allergic reactions
- Swallowing a drug or chemical

If an emergency happens or someone becomes very sick while you're around, do your best to stay calm. First, try to get the person to respond by gently shaking his or her shoulder and asking, "Are you OK?" If there is no response and you are certified in CPR, you can begin CPR. If you're alone, shout for help or call 911 yourself.

Who should know CPR?

Certain people need to know how to perform CPR to do their jobs. Medical professionals – from nurses and doctors to paramedics and emergency medicine technicians – must know CPR. Lifeguards, childcare workers, schools coaches, and trainers usually have to learn CPR. Many parents know how to perform CPR on their kids in case of an emergency. Other adults who have family members with medical conditions such as heart disease sometimes know CPR, too.

Many people – maybe you – might want to learn how to do CPR just in case they need to use it someday. You can never tell when a medical emergency will happen and it feels good to know that you could help. The American Red Cross, American Heart Association (AHA), and the National Safety Council all offer CPR courses. You also might find CPR classes at your local hospital, places of worship, the YMCA, or your school. You're usually ready to take a CPR course and get certified if you are in middle school or above.

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