



## MECC's Practical Nursing Faculty

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**Your Practical  
Nursing Career**  
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**Healing Hands** is a student organization approved by MECC. The organizational goal is to promote career opportunities in health care, to educate and create change in our community, and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

Students in today's workforce must meet technical skill requirements, be people oriented, and capable of contributing to any role of the health care team.

**Practical Nursing students graduating with a Certificate of Practical Nursing** are employed with doctor's offices, schools, home health, long term care facilities, and various areas within hospitals.

### Professional Organizations

National Association for  
Practical Nursing Education  
[www.napnes.edu](http://www.napnes.edu)

Virginia State Board of Nursing  
[www.dhp.virginia.gov](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov)

National Council of State Boards of Nursing  
[www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org)

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# Certificate of Practical Nursing



**Mountain Empire  
Community College**

## Program entrance requirements for Practical Nursing:

- Passing a physical examination
- Immunizations are current
- Passing criminal/sexual background checks and drug screening
- Ability to perform in team-based settings
- Think critically
- Complete all pre-admission requirements

## Get Started as a Nursing Assistant

Students may choose to begin their career as a Nursing Assistant. After obtaining your Nursing Assistant certification and six months of job experience, you gain both practical skills and points toward admission to the Practical Nursing program.

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## Clinicals and Preceptorships

Students are required to complete 400 hours of clinical experiences. This includes one-on-one training with nurse preceptors. Future employment opportunities often develop during clinical partnerships.

## Salary

Starting salary for Practical Nurses is \$28,374. Median pay is \$36,790 annually. The demand for healthcare workers is projected to increase 22% over the next seven years.

<https://mecc.emsicc.com/programs>

