

**Mission Statement:** The practical nursing program supports the mission of all nursing and allied health programs which is to prepare individuals to be competent, caring healthcare professionals.

**Philosophy:** The practical nursing faculty believes that:

- education is a lifelong process that should produce positive change in a meaningful and goal –directed way.
- each learner is unique, capable of self-direction, and responsible for learning.
- each learner should be treated with respect, and should participate in planning and making decisions about the educational process.
- each learner’s behavior is varied by personal life experiences.
- each learner must strive to meet goals based on need, abilities, and motivation.
- the teacher should be a competent practitioner who guides students into activities to meet behavioral objectives and program outcomes.
- the teacher should be a motivator, resource person, mentor, and role model who provides the student an environment that promotes the freedom to learn.

**Goals:**

1. Provide a program that prepares students to meet consumer needs in the changing health care environment.
2. Provide the student essential technology needed for entry level competency in the workplace.
3. Provide the student with learning experiences that promote coordinated care among the healthcare team.
4. Provide opportunities that will assist the student in the advancement of academic and technical careers beyond practical nursing.
5. Provide opportunities that will allow the student to develop a strong work ethic, leadership skills, and team work skills.
6. Provide opportunities that promote caring, community awareness, and cultural sensitivity.

## **PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

All practical nursing students are required to belong to Hinds Community College Student Practical Nurses Organization (HCCSPNO) Chapter of Mississippi Licensed Practical Nurses Association (MLPNA)

All practical nursing students are required to become a member of this organization and demonstrate participation in the organization to complete the requirements for PNV 1914

The specific purposes of this organization are to

- A. promote the professional development of the practical nursing student
- B. promote the practical nursing program and profession in the community.
- C. provide opportunities for community based health promotion and participation to the practical nursing students.