

## **SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (STI) LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

To assist in making a decision about pursuing this program, the following is a general overview of the physical requirements, working conditions and job duties of a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPNs) care for the sick, injured, convalescent, and disabled under the direction of physicians and registered nurses. Most LPNs provide basic bedside care, taking vital signs such as temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiration. They also prepare and give injections and enemas, monitor catheters, apply dressings, treat bedsores, and give alcohol rubs and massages. They monitor their patients and report adverse reactions to medications or treatments. LPNs may work in hospitals, clinics, nursing care facilities and home health care services. They may be required to work various shifts to provide 24 hour coverage, including early morning, day, evening, and night shifts, which may also include holidays and weekends. Licensed Practical Nurses should have a caring, sympathetic nature and have keen observational, decision-making and communication skills. Every state requires LPNs to pass a licensing examination, known as the NCLEX-PN, before obtaining a LPN license.

### **Licensed Practical Nurses are expected to have the ability to:**

- constantly stand and walk, use hands and fingers to handle and feel; reach with hands and arms
- regularly talk and hear
- regularly lift and/or move 50 pounds
- regularly have high degree of manual dexterity for fine motor skills and reaching
- regularly communicate effectively via speech, reading, and writing
- regularly use high degree of hand-eye coordination to manipulate equipment, while simultaneously inputting data into a machine or working with a patient
- frequently explain to patients their plan of care or procedures
- frequently notice changes regarding patient's status, and notify other medical personnel when necessary
- occasionally sit and stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl

\*Source: [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov) and local job descriptions

**By signing below, I am acknowledging I have read the above information and understand the general physical requirements, working conditions and job duties typically associated with a Licensed Practical Nurse. I understand that this information is general in nature and that actual conditions and job duties may vary.**

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_