



SCHOOL Biz & Buzz

Nursing Skills Security + Success

Manatee Technical Institute (MTI) has long been recognized for its excellence in preparing students for the workforce. Theresa Scott, MTI's Director of Nursing and Coordinator of Health Education, is particularly proud of the Practical Nursing program. "It takes a special person to be a nurse," she said recently. "Nurses need to be compassionate, respectful, have a strong work ethic and the ability to problem solve."

"MTI boasts a 100% success rate for our practical nursing graduates passing the Florida practical nursing boards," Ms. Scott continued. "Students who complete the program have several advantages as they transition into the workforce. For example, we have excellent job placement upon graduation. Entry-level practical nursing salaries are comparable to a four-year degree education. MTI also has an articulation agreement with State College of Florida that is a wonderful advantage for those students who wish to continue their nursing education. And the State of Florida Practical Nursing license is recognized nationally and can be transferred to any other state in the U.S."



DISCOVER the Future



Regional Careers: Here are examples of related occupations and current wages in the Suncoast Workforce Region.

Occupation	Entry Level	Experienced
Minimum wage	\$7.25	-
Cardiovascular Technologists	\$10.73	\$20.97
Licensed Practical Nurses	\$15.15	\$21.35
Registered Nurses	\$20.20	\$32.12
Respiratory Therapists	\$21.50	\$24.67
Surgical Technologists	\$15.71	\$19.00
Medical Transcriptionists	\$12.97	\$18.51

Wages source: <http://fred.labormarketinfo.com>
FL Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics & Wages Program

Career Pathway: Students desiring a career in a related field can find career programs at:
Manatee Technical Institute,
State College of Florida
Sarasota/Manatee,
University of South Florida

WEB Wise

Check out the following websites:

- www.tobaccocofact.org
- www.manateetechnicalinstitute.org
- www.skillsusa.org
- www.fihosa.org

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Jump Starting a Fabulous Future

Manatee Technical Institute's (MTI) Practical Nursing program dedicates five openings for seniors currently enrolled in high school. Palmetto High School senior Danika Loggins knew she had to complete a rigorous screening process in order to be considered for one of the slots, but she didn't let that slow her down—the opportunity was just too good to pass up. Free tuition! Free books! And a jump start to her dream job!

Four years ago, Danika experienced something so special that from that moment on she decided what her career would be. "I saw my mom give birth to my brother and I just knew I wanted to help people and become a nurse," Danika said. "My goal is to start with my LPN (*licensed practical nurse*) and then go on for my RN (*registered nurse*), BSN (*Bachelor of Science in nursing*), and finally become a nurse anesthetist. Starting the program early was very helpful financially and it gives me the opportunity to get a good job while I continue my education."

Danika recently competed in the SkillsUSA Practical Nursing event and won first place at the regional level, first place in the state, and second place in the nation. Congratulations!

Inno Vators

Manatee Technical Institute Practical Nursing Smoking? You're taking a toxic chemical bath.



Smoking is addictive. It's hard to quit once you start; it wrecks your health, stains your teeth, gives you bad breath, stinks up your clothes, and causes cancer. Your lungs turn black and nasty, you cough a lot, and you spend too much money feeding your habit.

That's why a group of nursing students from Manatee Technical Institute (MTI)—some of them still in high school—visited every middle school in Manatee County. Armed with their nursing knowledge, they presented a stop-smoking program to the younger students to help them stay healthy and smart.

Do you smoke cigarettes? Did you know you are giving your lungs a lethal chemical bath? When smokers inhale, that puff contains toxic, dangerous chemicals. In fact, cigarette smoke contains over 400 chemicals! Imagine your healthy lungs pulling in a breath of fresh air. Now picture smothering those lungs with deadly chemicals like these:

- **Tar.** Have you ever smelled a freshly paved road or driveway? The same tar is in cigarette smoke, and it turns your teeth yellow and coats your lungs.
- **Hydrogen cyanide.** Rat poisoning, in other words. If you smoke, you are breathing in rat poison.
- **Benzene.** This chemical is used to manufacture gasoline.
- **Acetone.** The same chemical is used to remove nail polish—care to paste some onto your lungs?
- **Formaldehyde.** This chemical is used to preserve dead bodies and is found in glues and adhesives. If you ever dissected a pig or a frog in biology class, it was soaking in formaldehyde. It stinks!
- **Ammonia.** We use this strong chemical to clean dirty floors. It's in the smoke.
- **Nicotine.** This is the highly addictive chemical that makes smoking so hard to quit. Smokers spend years trying to kick the habit.

About 80 – 90% of adult smokers started before they were 18. Most of them never expected to become addicted. Do yourself a favor and never light up. If you already smoke, take charge of your health and quit now. Detoxify yourself! You can do it!



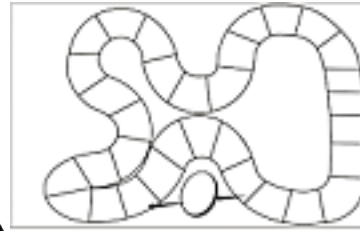
Explore



Stop-Smoking Board Game

You will need:

- White poster board
- Black and red markers
- Index cards
- Dice
- Coins to use as game pieces
- Research skills



- Using the markers and the poster board, draw a free-flowing game pathway with segments dividing the path. Mark a START and an END space. Decorate the board with no-smoking and toxic warning symbols.
- Using your research skills, find out facts about smoking and its effects. Use these facts to create true/false statements. (*Hint: type "smoking true or false" into Google.*)
- Write one True/False statement on each index card. In small print, indicate whether the statement is true or false. Place the stack of cards face down in a pile.

Playing the game.

A player rolls the dice. His opponent selects a card and reads the true/false statement. If the player guesses the answer correctly, he moves his coin forward the number of spaces indicated on the dice. If he answers incorrectly, he moves his coin backward. (A player on "START" does not have to move backward.) The first player to reach the END space wins. And everyone wins as we learn all the reasons not to smoke!



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