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SCHOOL Biz



Nursing + teaching + love of the profession = Theresa

Theresa Scott is not only an instructor for the rigorous Practical Nursing Program at Manatee Technical Institute East (MTI), she is also an alumni. Theresa's love of the profession began 25 years ago as a nursing assistant. After graduating from MTI's LPN program, she went on to Manatee Community College where she earned an associates degree in nursing. Through the years she continued her education at the University of South Florida where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN), a Master's degree and the nurse practitioner license. When she was working at Manatee Memorial Hospital (MMH), Theresa was frequently chosen by instructors to pair up with their students. She was calm, approachable, dedicated, and motivated. No wonder she was recruited right off the hospital floor to teach at MTI. Theresa treasures the opportunity to instill in her students a love for nursing. She is also a SkillsUSA advisor and personal coach. She will be traveling to the SkillsUSA Nationals in Kansas City this summer with eight competitors from MTI. Her students are participating in both the Practical Nursing event and the Medical Math event. Congratulations and good luck to all!



KIDZ Biz & Buzz



Joan's Journey to Success

Joan Nowell is on the cusp of completing a long journey. Her hopes of becoming a nurse were set aside many years ago in order to carry out her responsibilities to others. After twice surviving cancer, Joan realized she had much to give and that she could no longer put her dream aside. It had been 25 years in the making and the time was finally right, so Joan registered for the Practical Nurse program at Manatee Technical Institute East (MTI). She overcame feelings of anxiousness about direct patient care by spending many hours studying and practicing in the lab setting with her instructor, Theresa Scott. Having an instructor who was supportive, consistent, confident, and knowledgeable made all the difference. After all the hard work, Joan was finally prepared to give patient care in a clinical setting. She successfully completed the Practical Nurse program at MTI, meeting the requirements of the Florida State Board of Nursing and registering to take the licensure exams. Joan maintained an A average throughout her studies and was inducted into the National Vocational Honor Society. She also competed in the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) District competition where she won the silver medal in the Medical Terminology event. After many years of being patient, Joan can finally take care of patients!

InnoVators CALLING FUTURE NURSES!

As members of the largest health care profession, nurses play a significant role in our society. A career in nursing is not just for those who have an aptitude for science; it is a calling for those who truly care about people and can sympathize with their conditions. Right now Florida is experiencing a shortage of nurses, and as the baby boomer generation ages, nurses are needed more than ever.

There are different levels of nursing-related careers depending on specific requirements. The first level is a *certified nurse's assistant* (CNA); he or she is trained in basic patient care, bathing, feeding, and assisting nurses with medical tasks. It takes a year of training at a technical school to become a *licensed practical nurse* (LPN), or one who can give injections, administer medicine, and work under the supervision of a *registered nurse* (RN). Becoming an RN requires three years of study at a technical school. After completing the course of study, both LPNs and RNs must pass a state licensing exam. An RN's additional responsibilities may include analyzing test results and educating patients and their families about health conditions. Sometimes RNs will specialize in more specific fields according to their interests. A higher level of nursing education is called a BSN degree, or Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and it usually takes about four years to complete at a university. Some nurses go on to obtain an MSN degree, or Masters of Science in Nursing. An MSN degree is required to become a nursing instructor.

Are you interested in a career in nursing? Answer the call! Manatee Technical Institute offers an excellent nursing program that not only educates people in the realm of patient care but imparts a desire to help people in need.



Career Pathways in Manatee County

Today's Career Focus: MTI-East prepares students for high wage, high skill careers in health care.

Regional Careers: Today's occupations focus on nursing and health care.

Occupational	Entry	Average	Experienced
Personal and Home Care Aides	\$7.99	\$9.52	\$10.29
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	\$8.52	\$11.49	\$12.98
Home Health Aides	\$9.81	\$11.16	\$11.84
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	\$9.88	\$12.12	\$13.24
Medical Assistants	\$10.18	\$12.70	\$13.96
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$14.93	\$18.30	\$19.99
Registered Nurses	\$20.16	\$26.64	\$29.88

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

Career Pathway: Students desiring a career in nursing can find related programs at these area schools:

- Manatee High School
- Manatee Technical Institute
- Manatee Community College
- University of South Florida

WEB Wise

Check out the following websites:

- www.skillsusa.org
- www.manateetechnicalinstitute.org/east_camp/nursing.html
- www.mccl.edu/pages/172.asp
- <http://health.usf.edu/nocms/nursing>
- www.free-ed.net/tree-ed/HealthCare/MedTerm-v02.asp

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Test Your Knowledge of Medical Terminology

Did you know that medical terms can be broken down into word parts? The three main parts of medical terms include the prefix, stem (root), and suffix. The stem contains the basic meaning of the term. Students studying health care must learn the meaning of root words to understand medical terminology.

Find out how much you already know about medical terminology. Match the following stem words on the left with the correct meaning on the right.



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| 1. Cardio | a. nerve |
| 2. Stoma | b. tooth |
| 3. Dento | c. blood |
| 4. Rhino | d. skin |
| 5. Neuro | e. heart |
| 6. Osteo | f. stomach |
| 7. Gastro | g. mouth |
| 8. Hema | h. bone |
| 9. Derma | i. nose |



Answers: 1-c, 2-g, 3-b, 4-i, 5-a, 6-h, 7-f, 8-c, 9-d



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