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WCUI School of Nursing Approved to Offer Practical Nursing Program in Arizona

PHOENIX, Arizona –On March 25, 2020, WCUI School of Nursing announced it has completed the approval process to offer a Practical Nursing diploma program in Phoenix. WCUI obtained provisional approval by the Arizona State Board of Nursing (AZBN), national accreditation approval by the Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), and Arizona state licensure approval by the Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education (AZPPSE). The college is accepting applications for an anticipated July 2020 start at its new campus in Midtown Phoenix.

"The spread of COVID-19 is demonstrating the need for a strong nursing workforce more than any event in recent history." Myra Chason, BSN, CEO and Owner of WCUI stated. "WCUI School of Nursing is excited to introduce the Practical Nursing Program and classes will start in July of this year. Phoenix needs Practical Nurses and we are proud to provide their education." WCUI School of Nursing in California has produced successful graduates for almost 10 years, as evidenced by NCLEX-PN licensure exam pass rates. WCUI's Vocational Nursing program 2019 4-quarter NCLEX-PN pass rates average 86.67% for the LA campus and 89.47% for the Ontario campus.

The WCUI Practical Nursing program is a diploma program delivered in the classroom with a team of experienced nurses, medical professionals and leaders. Our 12-month Practical Nursing diploma program aims to prepare students to become entry-level healthcare providers responsible for rendering basic nursing care. The program provides theory, technical skill, biology, pharmacology, simulation, NCLEX preparation, and off-site clinical experiences to provide the skills and competencies needed for licensure as a Practical Nurse (LPN) in the state of Arizona. Director of Nursing Catherine Jagos, MSN-Ed, BSN, RN, developed and administers the Phoenix program, bringing 40 years of clinical and education experience to WCUI.

About the College: WCUI is a private postsecondary institute headquartered in Los Angeles, CA with branch campuses in Ontario, CA and Phoenix, AZ. In July 2020, after 10 years in Phoenix, the campus will move to Park Central in Midtown Phoenix. The college offers both Bachelor and Academic Associate of Science degrees in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Cardiovascular Sonography, and offers Academic Associate of Science Degrees in Magnetic Resonance Imaging. It also offers diplomas in Vocational Nursing in California, Practical Nursing in Arizona, and advanced diplomas in Pediatric Cardiac Ultrasound and Congenital Heart Disease to graduates of a Cardiovascular program.

WCUI is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), and approved by the Department of Education*, Veterans Administration (VA)*, and the Arizona Board for Private Postsecondary Education (AZPPSE). Graduates of nursing programs are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN exam upon completion of their nursing diploma programs. Graduates of all programs in medical imaging have multiple pathways to registry including American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS), Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI), American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), and programmatically approved by the American Registry of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists (ARMRIT).

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**Practical Nursing program pending Department of Education and VA approval*