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**El Camino College Compton Center
Nursing Program is in Excellent Health**

If you are seeking a career in the field of nursing, El Camino College Compton Center is the place to be. Whether you are a high school graduate or a second career student, the nursing program offers various options and professional instruction in a nurturing environment.

The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course is offered during the first 8 weeks of each semester. The coursework prepares students to function as an entry-level worker on a health care team in a long-term care facility. The focus is on training students to provide direct care to the patient/resident, promote comfort measures, and collect, record and report data to licensed personnel. Principles of critical thinking, team building, ethics, caring and cultural sensitivity are integrated throughout the course. The student will be eligible for certification by the State of California as a nurse assistant upon satisfactory completion of this course and the State Competency Evaluation.

The Home Health Aide course is offered the last 6 weeks of each semester. This course prepares the Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) to apply for certification as a Home Health Aide. Each student will learn to function as an entry-level worker on the health care team in a home health agency. Upon completion of this course, the student will be eligible for certification by the State of California as a Home Health Aide.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is a rigorous program that requires advance academic preparation, personal commitment, and a considerable amount of studying and preparation outside of class as well as in the classroom.

Wanda Morris, acting dean of health and human services and interim assistant director of the nursing department, says: "At Compton Center, we strive for excellence and concentrate on producing high quality nurses. We provide an individualized approach to meet the needs of each student. We take great pride in our RN program and the ever increasing numbers of our students who pass the National Licensing Exam (NCLEX) each year."

Eliza Rivera-Mitu, a nursing instructor, touts the new comprehensive simulation lab. She says: "It will give our students an opportunity for broad clinical experience so they gain proficiency and confidence as they transition to real world situations."

A nursing student, John Hatfield, agrees: "The simulation lab is an excellent way for us to gain hands on experience that just isn't possible from simply reading our text. We have numerous computers that are readily available for the nursing student. These kinds of tools make us more efficient as nurses."

General information sessions are available each semester to assist prospective applicants so they may learn more about careers in nursing, admission requirements, prerequisites and co-requisites in preparation to become a qualified applicant in the program. The next session is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Compton Center administration building board room.

For information about nursing programs and the general information session, please

contact, Kayla Ellis, senior administrative assistant, at 310-900-1600, ext. 2700.

El Camino College Compton Center is accredited and serving the educational needs of our community. Students can earn an associate degree, transfer to a four-year university or receive career training. Fees are only \$20 per unit. The catalog, class schedule, and evening and weekend offerings are available in-person or online at [HYPERLINK "http://www.compton.edu"](http://www.compton.edu) www.compton.edu Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA; 310-900-1600.