

Saint Vincent Professional Nursing Assistant Application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Area of Interest _____

Nursing School You Currently Attend

Date of expected graduation _____

In addition please complete the Saint Vincent application and survey, and provide two references from nursing instructors.

If you would like more information about Saint Vincent Health System, please visit our Web site at www.saintvincenthealth.com.



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ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint Vincent Professional Nursing Assistant Program

The Saint Vincent Professional Nursing Assistant Program offers nursing students a unique opportunity to refine their nursing skills in an established hospital setting, to gain confidence in their abilities through practical experience and to work with and learn from the region's finest health care team.

What is a PNA?

A professional nursing assistant (PNA) provides safe, compassionate care to patients under the supervision of a registered nurse. Each PNA is assigned to a nursing unit with the flexibility of being reassigned based upon the students' and hospital's needs.

PNA Program Objectives

The Saint Vincent PNA Program:

- Helps the nursing student transition into practice by offering clinical experiences in a working health care environment.
- Validates the nursing student's skills and competency through clinical activities as established in unit-based policies, procedures, protocols and practice standards.
- Teaches students how to communicate with registered nurses and other members of the care team.

Qualifications

Students must have successfully completed a basic nursing course from an NLN accredited program and be **entering your senior year** in the fall. Current CPR card required.

Educational Opportunities

- Weekly education classes
- Opportunities for clinical shadowing of RN's
- Personal care
bathing, mouth and skin care
- Body mechanics
Turn and position, range of motion and ambulation assistance
- Nutrition
Mealtime preparation, feeding, N/G monitoring and G-tube care
- Elimination
Bowel/bladder training, catheter care and insertion, gastric suction monitoring and specimen collection
- Safety
Infection control and restraint monitoring
- Special Procedures
Surgical skin preparation, clean and sterile dressing changes, EKG lead application, post mortem care, trach care, oropharyngeal suctioning, blood glucose monitoring, Ace bandages, TEDs, sequential compression devices

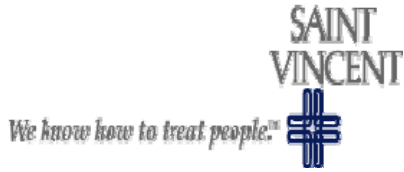
Additional activities will be provided based on the specific needs of the unit where the PNA works. All activities are performed under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse.

Interested?

We certainly hope so, and we are eager to hear from you. Please submit a letter of intent/interest, PNA application, two references from your nursing instructors and a completed Saint Vincent Health System application and survey to:

Nurse Recruiter
Saint Vincent Health Center
232 West 25 Street
Erie, PA 16544
814/452-5248

- * If you are not a senior nursing student but interested in working as a PCA (Patient Care Assistant)-please complete a Saint Vincent Health System application and survey.



**Request for Reference
PNA PROGRAM**

Saint Vincent Health
Center
232 West 25th Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16544
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Date: _____
Instructor Name: _____
School: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Qualities (check one)	Good	Average	Poor	Comments PLEASE.
Overall performance as a nursing student				
Probability of retention for this student at our facility				
Demonstrates service excellence skills (i.e. assisting visitors/families, assisting interdisciplinary team, etc				
Professionalism				
Flexibility to adjust to changes in priorities, demands, and procedures				
Ability to identify their strengths and opportunities for improvement				
Displays teamwork initiative in clinical areas.				
Ability to provide safe care for more than one patient?				
Ability to independently carry out nursing interventions with minimal prompting.				
I recommend student for CRITICAL CARE Area	Yes _____ No _____			What skills does this student possess that would help them be successful in critical care area?
I recommend this student for summer PNA Program	Yes _____ No _____			
Example of how student is beginning to utilize critical thinking skills				

Thanks for all your help.