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Homestead Helps Its Graduates Find Jobs as CNAs and LVNs

As reported earlier in these columns, Homestead Schools vocational nursing graduates enjoy NCLEX pass rate of 79% and over 90% for its nurse assistants. But as we know, passing the exam and getting a license is only half the story. The primary objective of going to school is to get a job as a licensed healthcare professional.

This is where the school comes into picture Homestead has a very active placement department with industry-wide contacts with nursing homes, long-term care facilities, home health agencies and hospitals in the local area. The school works closely with a job placement professional with several years of experience in finding employment for LVNs and CNAs. The school placement director receives every week several requests for open positions from various healthcare facilities, nursing registries, and home health agencies. Licensed graduates are matched up with these requests based on mutual preferences.

The school provides guidance and assistance to its graduates in preparing resumes, learn interviewing skills, obtain an appointment with the right person and then land a job. This is when one can say, "Mission accomplished." It is a fulfilling moment for the student and also for the school. The school is very proud of its graduates when they complete the full circle – from starting the nursing program, learning the essential nursing skills and then getting a job. The school rewards its graduates with a check for \$50-\$100 upon getting a job.

For the year 2011-2012, LVN graduates had a placement rate of 86% and CNA graduates had a placement rate of 73%. There's a considerable time lag between the time a vocational nursing student completes the 1549-hour program and the time he or she gets a license and is available for employment. The school works with its students to shorten this time so that the prospective nurse is able to put into practice the knowledge and training acquired and become a productive member of the healthcare industry.

The school invites all of its graduates to seek assistance of its placement services at any time. Of course, it cannot promise that it will find a job, but it will do all it can to find one. Homestead Schools can be reached at 23800 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance, Ca 90505. (310) 791- 9975.

