## STC Ranks #1 in Georgia Practical Nursing Schools

Southeastern Technical College (STC) has been ranked #1 in Georgia's practical nursing colleges by PRACTICALnursing.org. This review is based on National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) exam first-time pass rates over the past several years.

STC's Practical Nursing program is offered in Vidalia and in Swainsboro, designed to prepare students to write the NCLEX-PN for licensure as practical nurses. The program prepares graduates to give competent nursing care through a selected number of general core and occupational courses providing a variety of techniques and materials. Students take part in a number of clinical experiences so that theory and practice are integrated under the guidance of the clinical instructor.

Once a student has completed general core and occupational classes, he/she is admitted into the Practical Nursing program based on a competitive admissions process. The program then generally takes a minimum of three consecutive semesters to complete. Students enter the program in either Fall or Spring semesters.

"The Practical Nursing faculty attributes this success and recognition to the dedicated faculty members, leadership, and staff at STC. We strive on a daily basis to promote excellence, teamwork, and consistency throughout the Practical Nursing program. The faculty strive to make decisions regarding program development using evidenced-based practice, which teaches our students to provide high-quality patient care. We are shown support and encouragement by our leaders in administration and have dedicated staff members that work to make our program successful as well. We are grateful for this recognition and believe it truly reflects the commitment of

the faculty to the success of each student," said Rachel Sikes, Practical Nursing instructor.

For more information on careers in nursing at STC, visit www.southeasterntech.edu or call (912) 538-3100 or (478) 289-2200.

Photo: Fall 2019 - STC Practical Nursing graduates and instructors