

CAREER TECHNOLOGY CENTER
OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY

A Statement Regarding the Practical Nursing Program

October 29, 2026

The Joint Operating Committee (JOC) and the Administrative Team of the Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County (CTCLC) recognize the profound value our Practical Nursing Program brings to the greater Northeastern Pennsylvania community. For more than fifty years, the Program has prepared Licensed Practical Nurses to deliver skilled, compassionate care to patients in healthcare settings of every kind throughout NEPA. Just as importantly, it has opened the door to a nursing career for many non-traditional students who might otherwise find that path out of reach.

We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of support voiced at the JOC's October meeting by current and prospective students, graduates, instructors, local state legislators, healthcare partners, and members of our community. That support reflects what our graduates achieve: strong NCLEX pass rates, 100% job placement for most graduating classes, and a level of skill and dedication to their patients that no exam can fully measure.

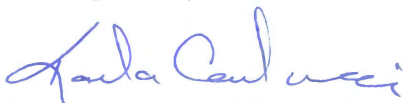
At the same time, we must be candid about the Program's financial position. Its current operating budget exceeds the tuition revenue and grant funding the School receives, a gap driven by several factors, including enrollment. We are actively reviewing ways to strengthen the Program's financial stability.

Let us be clear: no decision has been made to close the Practical Nursing Program.

Moving forward, we will seek the partnership of community stakeholders, including local healthcare providers, fellow educational institutions, and government leaders, to explore the financial resources, partnerships, and other opportunities that may support the Program's future. The outcome of these conversations will guide every decision we make regarding the Program. The Program will continue to operate throughout this review, and we look forward to welcoming our next incoming class of students in December.

The quality of this Program and the accomplishments of its graduates stand as a testament to the dedication of its faculty, staff, and administration. Those successes have never been in question. We remain committed to keeping our students, staff, and community informed every step of the way.

Respectfully,



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