## **Homestead Students Score Perfect. Again.**

Board of Vocational Nursing (BVNPT) announced NCLEX graduation rates for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020. Homestead's pass rate for the period was 100 percent, all 9 of its graduates passed on the first attempt. For the entire year of 2020, the pass rate was 75 percent.

Compare this with statewide results. California's quarterly average pass rate for first-time program candidates during  $4^{th}$  quarter, 2020 was 75 percent. California's annual average pass rate for first-time program candidates for  $4^{th}$  quarter, 2020 was 77 percent.

The BVNPT, students, faculty, school administrators and outside clinical facilities have come to expect Homestead to be at the top or very near the top in performance results. Homestead did not disappoint.

People often ask, whom do you attribute this consistent success to? First and foremost, the credit must go to our Director of Nursing, Ms. Adel Blanco whose unceasing devotion to the program and students produces veritable results quarter after quarter, year after year. She embodies the concept of excellence. The same measure of excellence comes from our Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Rafael Tolentino who ensures that the school curriculum, faculty, and compliance processes are tuned to produce top results. Of course, the success in the end belongs to students and for this we've to thank vigilant efforts of our Director of Admissions, George Dayrit, and his loyal staff of Jeanette Villaraza and Marisela Viveros. They make sure that Ms. Blanco has good clay to work with which can be shaped into successful individuals ready to take their place in our burgeoning healthcare industry. We cannot leave out our dedicated instructors who work long hours to impart the knowledge and skills necessary into our students so they will bring pride and credit to the school.

Homestead is one of the few schools that has been able to send its students to clinical facilities for hands-on skills training in various long-term care and sub-acute care facilities even during this pandemic. We're undoubtedly grateful to them for trusting us to enter their clinics and attend to their patients. Further, the school is supporting its students by building a state-of-the-art simulation lab on its campus in Torrance preparing its students to apply the practical side of nursing in real-world environment.

So, there you go. I've listed major, essential ingredients necessary to build a school that can deliver top results on a consistent basis. If you're looking to become a part of this success story, I invite you to visit Homestead Schools located at 23800 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505. (310) 791-9975. You'll be able to visit our class rooms set up to conduct distant education and observe health and safety measures that we've implemented during these difficult times.

Presently we're admitting students into our vocational nursing program that has a day (9 to 3) and evening schedule (4 to 10). We can only admit 24 students in each class and these classes are getting filled rapidly. The demand for competent nurses has never been higher and more urgent. This is your opportunity to claim your place in our society as an essential worker.