

# FOCUS ON EDUCATION

## Discover pathways to reach your dreams at Penn State Berks

Penn State Berks understands the needs of adult learners. The college's Continuing Education and professional development opportunities offer adult learners the ability to quickly upskill, opening doors to a new career or enhancing in-demand skills to grow their current career through a variety of programs, including skill-building courses and certificates. Programs generally range from seven-week classes, to one year or 18-month certificate programs in areas such as Project Management, Construction Management, Programmable Logic Controllers, Computer-Aided Design or Practical Nursing. Programs are specifically built to meet local workforce needs and graduates benefit from excellent job prospects following completion.

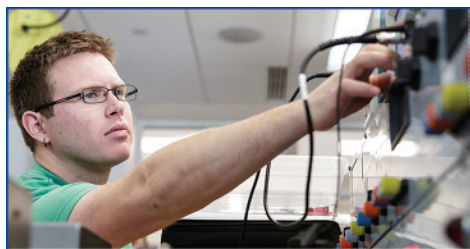
One example is the Practical Nursing

program, which provides a unique opportunity for adult students to enter an in-demand career field and to earn an excellent wage. Students are also able to move from current positions as a medical or nursing assistant into the practical nursing role through the evening and weekend coursework. This part-time program allows students to continue to work full-time while also maintaining family commitments.

Recent Practical Nursing graduate, Amber Breidegam, shared, "My son has been a huge motivation for following my dreams. Evening and weekend hours worked great with having a child, and I also loved that it was 18 months straight." Her advice for others: "Stay organized and remind yourself that if this is something you want, you can and will achieve it!"



**AMBER BREIDEGAM**



### GET AHEAD IN YOUR CAREER

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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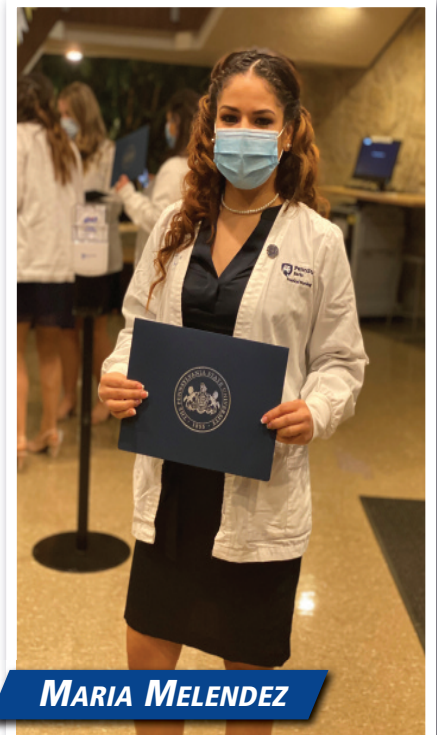


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The program prepares students with the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes essential for practical nursing practice, and graduates are well prepared for the NCLEX-PN exam to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Another recent Practical Nursing graduate, Maria Melendez, shared, "After 10 years as a medical assistant, I knew it was time to further my education. My hard work paid off when I passed my NCLEX-PN exam on the first attempt! Earning my LPN allowed me to further my healthcare career; I now work as an LPN for a private surgeon's office assisting surgical procedures, scheduling, and patient triage calls."

Penn State Berks is here to help you take the next step in your career or move into a new career. Learn more about upcoming programs at [berks.psu.edu/ce](https://berks.psu.edu/ce) or contact program representative Elaine Berish at 610.396.6230 or [EMB1@PSU.EDU](mailto:EMB1@PSU.EDU).



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