IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — College of Eastern Idaho's Practical Nursing (PN) program has emerged as the #1 Ranked Practical Nursing Program in Idaho, a distinction attributed to its consistent exceptional competency and a remarkable 100% first-time NCLEX pass rate over the past 5 years.

PracticalNursing.org, a reputable platform providing insights for licensed practical nurse (LPN) students, meticulously evaluated LPN programs throughout Idaho. Following a thorough assessment, they bestowed the prestigious #1 ranking upon CEI’s program, recognizing its exceptional educational quality and commitment to producing highly competent nursing professionals.

CEI graduates 20-30 PNs per year, and over 100 nursing students per year in all of their credit nursing programs. Through their Workforce Training, CEI also offers a Certified Nursing Assistant program to round out its program.

Dr. Angela Sackett, Dean of Health and Human Services at CEI, noted the accomplishment, stating, "Our PN program has been a hidden gem within our college and community, consistently demonstrating outstanding competency with a 100% first-time NCLEX pass rate for five consecutive years. This nine-month program not only enables students to swiftly enter the workforce in a high-demand field but also provides a pathway for these aspiring professionals to further their education through our bridge program to attain an RN degree at CEI after gaining valuable experience as a PN."

In the state of Idaho, the role of a licensed practical nurse (LPN) offers a promising employment outlook. As per the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the industry is projected to witness approximately 9% growth through 2029, emphasizing the increasing demand for skilled LPNs.

“This remarkable achievement underscores the dedication and expertise of the exceptional faculty at CEI, who have played a pivotal role in boosting the program to such prestigious heights,” stated Dean Sackett. “I’d like to thank our students as well. They are the reason we have earned this recognition. Together, we are achieving amazing heights and meeting our community’s demands for skillfully prepared nurses.”
PracticalNursing.org, a prominent platform advocating for LPN programs, evaluates and ranks them based on their success rates in licensure examinations, specifically the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). This stringent evaluation method ensures an accurate assessment of a program's efficacy in supporting students throughout their journey towards licensure and beyond.

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**About College of Eastern Idaho**

College of Eastern Idaho (CEI, formerly EITC), Idaho’s newest comprehensive community college, offers associate degrees, technical certificates, and workforce training programs to help students achieve their educational and career goals. With a focus on affordability, accessibility, and student success, CEI is dedicated to providing high-quality education and training to the residents of eastern Idaho. Visit [https://cei.edu](https://cei.edu) for more information.