

Southeastern Technical College 2023 Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Twelve Practical Nursing students from Southeastern Technical College (STC) graduated on Tuesday, August 1. A special pinning ceremony was held at the Vidalia campus to celebrate the class.

Receiving their pins were Jamie Armstrong from Cobbtown, Allison Austin and Samantha Turner from Vidalia, Amanda Barnes from Baxley, Tiffany Birkheimer and Jania Cephus from Lyons, Jessie Deloach from Glennville, Kaitlin Graham from East Dublin, Season Hodges from Swainsboro, Angela Johnson from Eastman, Adriana Saldana from Reidsville, and Kayla Townsend from Collins.

Practical Nursing Instructor Sheila Van Dyke welcomed the friends and family of the graduates and thanked them for their support of the students over the last three semesters. She said, "Crossing this stage means these graduates are headed to make a big difference in the world."

Students enter the Practical Nursing program in either the fall or spring semesters on the Swainsboro or Vidalia campus. The program prepares graduates to give competent nursing care through general core and occupational courses, providing a variety of techniques and materials. Students then take part in clinical experiences so that theory and practice are integrated under the guidance of clinical instructors. Upon graduation, students write the NCLEX-PN for licensure as practical nurses.

Graduate Allison Austin said, "This program prepares students

to enter the medical field armed with skills and knowledge to be successful nurses. Thank you, STC and the instructors, for shaping us into the people we have become. We look forward to making a difference in our communities.”

Photo: (Front Row L to R): Jessie DeLoach, Kayla Townsend, Jania Cephus, Adriana Saldana, Jamie Armstrong, Tiffany Birkheimer (Back Row L to R): Angela Johnson, Samantha Turner, Amanda Barnes, Kaitlin Graham, Allison Austin, Season Hodges