

# TECHCONNECT

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## LCCTC Instructors Embrace Alternative Instruction

Necessity has prompted a surge of educational invention across the Lancaster County CTC. Moving to remote instruction has forced every LCCTC program to evaluate their online resources. We are fortunate that the LCCTC conducted professional development training for many of our instructors on the online Canvas Learning System in recent years. Since adopting Canvas, Teachers have been encouraged to use the system to develop online curricular material. This gave many of our instructors a base of material to draw upon when the shift to remote instruction took place.

Since the switch to remote instruction, all of our teachers are working to further develop their online instruction material.

Mount Joy Introduction to Construction Instructor Aaron Adams and his daughter have developed an Intro to Construction YouTube channel and filled it with many videos that demonstrate construction skills for Aaron's students. You can check out his YouTube channel at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6RM\\_MhrM-neOSOCZQEINokw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6RM_MhrM-neOSOCZQEINokw/videos).

Similarly, Practical Nursing Instructor Alison Nolt has given a lot of thought to methods that PN students could use to simulate skills training at home. Alison has been working on lessons that use household materials to simulate the lab work that would be conducted in person.

Using soda bottles, hot dogs, potatoes, and paper plates, Alison has devised several methods to simulate procedures like catheterizations, tracheostomy care, wound packing, and more.

"The ideas just sort of come to me. I had a couple of soda bottles and few snips with scissors, a bit of cardboard, a shoelace, and I had a tracheostomy tube that I could practice skills on," Alison said.

Alison will soon be creating videos for her students on how to create and use their own tools.

"This is all to help our students practice and demonstrate essential skills that they will need once the shut down is lifted and we can return to clinical instruction," Alison said.

Many of our instructors are using self-created videos and other original materials to keep education and instruction moving forward. Teachers truly do go above and beyond for their students.

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## Coming Events

Due to the uncertainty of the immediate future, please check the LCCTC website for the most recent updates on any coming events.



Screen capture from one of Aaron Adams online instructional videos.



Some examples of Alison Nolt's home-built methods to simulate nursing procedures.

## Congratulations to PN Class 43!

It may have been one of the most unique end-of-class in anyone's memory, but the Practical Nursing Class 43 are officially graduates and their names and verification forms have been submitted to the Board of Nursing. Congratulations to the graduates of Practical Nursing Class 43!

Alyssa Renae Beck  
Samantha Elizabeth Bell  
Olivia Isabela Bennawit – Salutatorian  
Lauren Annette Berger  
Tiffany Grace Burkey  
Krystal Nicole Colon-Gonzalez  
Samantha Marie Dennen  
Brittany Renae Dietz

Sandra L. Gainer  
Savannah Joy Garber  
Tanajia Christine Hayes  
Tiffany Lyn Kerchner  
Amanda L Kimmet  
Courtney Lynne Mason  
Danessa Janae Presbery  
Alexis Mariah Ramos

Emily Lauren Reese  
Amanda M. Ronzio  
Brandy Jo Salsgiver  
Jasmine Denise Scott  
Shannon D.M. Showalter – Valedictorian  
Elainea Hope Weitzel  
Summer Anne Wiker  
Shelby Ann Wilson

## And Now Some Baby Animals

In the frantic hours of our last day on campus, the LCCTC staff worked together to find temporary homes for the modest menagerie of animals that we manage. All of the dogs and cats and other animals from the Veterinary Technology and Veterinary Assistant programs found loving, if temporary, homes with willing and big-hearted staff members. Many of the animals in the Animal Production Science and Technology program were only there on a day to day basis anyway and went home with owners. Several of the remaining animals went home with instructor Lori Hess.



Lori offered an update on the animals recently and they seem to be thriving. She tells us that Twizzlers, a rabbit from last year's class, just had a litter of eight babies! The buck (the dad) was from this year's Animal Production class. Additionally, the chicks that hatched at Willow Street back on February 28 and 29 are growing up fast at an Animal Production student's home. Thank you to everyone involved with finding homes and housing the animals in our programs.

## Safe2Say Something Crisis Center Still Operating

The Safe2Say Something Crisis Center is still operating during the shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If anyone you know is exhibiting concerning behavior in person or on social media, you can call 1-844-SAF2SAY to get help, advice, or to submit an anonymous tip. For an emergency, dial 911.

From the organization's website, Safe2Say Something is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. The program teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to "say something" BEFORE it is too late. With Safe2Say Something, it's easy and confidential to report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies.

Here's how it works:

- Submit an anonymous tip report through the Safe2SaySomething system
- Crisis center reviews, assesses and processes all submissions
- Crisis center sends all submissions to school administration and/or law enforcement for intervention
- If needed, crisis center may contact tipster anonymously through the app



# COVID-19 Resources

We are living and working in challenging conditions. As of the publishing date, the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center (LCCTC) campuses are closed for the remainder of the school year due to a statewide shutdown of all public schools. LCCTC high school and some adult programs are continuing online. Please refer to the LCCTC website at [www.lancasterctc.edu/news/](http://www.lancasterctc.edu/news/) for any official announcements. The LCCTC has released its Continuity of Education Plan as required by the PA Department of Education. You can view the plan in its entirety on the LCCTC COVID-19 Online Resources Page.

Recommended Links to News and Resources on COVID-19/Coronavirus:

[Link to LCCTC News Webpage for Latest Updates](#)

[Link to LCCTC COVID-19 Resources Webpage](#)

[Optional Online Resources for LCCTC Students](#)

[List of Student Meal Opportunities in Lancaster County](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) website on COVID-19](#)

[World Health Organization website on COVID-19 \(with translations\)](#)

[PA Department of Health website on COVID-19](#)

[PA Department of Health Coronavirus Fact Sheets](#)



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