PRACTICAL NURSES (PN) care for sick, injured, convalescent, and disabled under the direction of a physician and registered nurse. PNs see to the basic care of patients, taking vital signs such as temperature, blood pressure, pulse, respiration, monitoring patients, and making sure they are comfortable. In doctors' offices and clinics they also may make appointments, keep records, and perform other clerical duties. CNA certification is required and CNA experience is a plus for admission into this program. Once this program is complete you will be able to apply to take the NCLEX®-LPN exam.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSES (ADN) work to promote health, prevent disease, and cope with illness. They are advocates and educators for patients, families, and communities. When providing direct patient care they observe, assess, and record symptoms, reactions, and progress in patients. They assist physicians during surgeries, treatments, and examinations. ADNs also develop and manage nursing care plans, instruct patients and their families in proper care, and help individuals take steps to improve their health. LPN licensure is required for admission into this program. Once this program is completed, students will be able to take the NCLEX®-RN exam.

FACTS ABOUT NURSING IN NORTH DAKOTA

- Registered Nurses and Practical Nurses are among the fastest growing jobs in North Dakota. It is projected that nearly 3,500 job openings will be created during 2006-2016.
- 2011 average salary for LPN in ND - $32,000 to $40,000
- 2011 average salary for ADN in ND - $55,260

For questions about admission into the PN and ADN programs at Dakota College at Bottineau programs, contact Diane Sjol at 701-228-5433 or diane.sjol@dakotacollege.edu.