

PRACTICAL NURSING

DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Quarter Credit Hours Required = 70

The Practical Nursing program is designed to prepare students to provide competent nursing care. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the licensure examination (NCLEX-PN) to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. The content includes theory, simulation, and clinical experience focusing on health and illness in medical, surgical, childbearing, pediatric, and geriatric nursing. Hospital, outpatient, and long-term care situations are emphasized. Individual, family, and community health concepts are covered within the contexts of nutrition, growth, and development over the life span, body structure and function, and interpersonal relationships. Woven throughout the curriculum are mental health concepts, pharmacology and medication administration, ethical/legal aspects of practice, and current issues in nursing.

Upon successful completion of the program, students should be able to

- apply nursing principles and knowledge to clinical situations;
- deliver safe, competent nursing care for various age groups in hospital, outpatient, and long-term care situations;
- perform appropriate nursing procedures safely and in accordance with legal and ethical responsibilities specific to the nursing profession;
- practice effective infection control;
- administer medications and intravenous fluids safely and effectively;
- provide biological, psychological, and social support to the patient and family; and
- practice within the scope of the licensed practical nurse in all situations.

	Quarter Credit Hours
EDU 1010 Learning Framework	4
MED 1010 Medical Terminology	4
PNR 1200 Body Structure and Function	4
PNR 1400 Fundamentals of Nursing	9
PNR 1420 Fundamentals of Nursing Lab and Clinical	6
PNR 1500 IV Therapy Concepts	6
PNR 1600 Medical/Surgical Nursing	6
PNR 1620 Medical/Surgical Nursing Clinical	3
PNR 1640 Alterations in Adult Health	6
PNR 1660 Alterations in Adult Health Clinical	3
PNR 1800 Mental Health Concepts	4
PNR 1820 Maternal-Child Nursing	7
PNR 1860 Nursing Transition	6
PNR 1880 Practical Nursing Licensure Review	2
TOTAL MINIMUM QUARTER CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED	70