

PRACTICAL NURSING

DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Quarter Credit Hours Required = 81

This program is designed to prepare the student for employment as a practical nurse. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the national licensure exam (NCLEX-PRN) to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

The content includes theoretical instruction and clinical experience in medical, surgical, obstetric, pediatric, and geriatric nursing in both acute and long-term care situations; personal, family, and community health concepts; nutrition; human growth and development over the life span; body structure and function; interpersonal relationship skills; mental health concepts; pharmacology and administration of medications; legal aspects of practice; and current issues in nursing. The program includes CPR, HIV, and infection control. Fifty percent of the total program is comprised of clinical experience in a healthcare setting.

Because of the nature of this program, some subject hours of attendance may vary while students are participating in the clinical practice. However, at no time will a student be required to attend more than eight hours in one day. The Practical Nursing program consists of 674 hours of classroom and clinical skills training and 676 hours of clinical experience in healthcare settings, including the hospital and nursing home.

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

- provide personal patient care and perform nursing procedures utilizing safety functions and in accordance with legal and ethical responsibilities specific to the nursing profession;
- provide care for medical/surgical patients utilizing nursing principles;
- provide care for maternal/newborn patients utilizing nursing principles;
- provide care for geriatric patients utilizing nursing principles;
- apply principles of infection control utilizing nursing principles;
- provide care for pre-operative and post-operative patients utilizing nursing principles;
- administer medications safely and accurately utilizing nursing principles;
- apply principles of nutrition; and
- provide biological, psychological, and social support to the patient and family.

	Quarter Credit Hours
PRN 1050 Introduction to Nursing.....	4
PRN 1100 Fundamentals of Nursing.....	9
PRN 1130 Human Anatomy and Physiology.....	6
PRN 1140 Medical Terminology for Nursing.....	2
PRN 1150 Pharmacology and Medication Administration.....	4
PRN 1180 Nutrition, Wellness, and Disease.....	2
PRN 1200 Geriatric Nursing.....	4
PRN 1300 Medical - Surgical Nursing I.....	10
PRN 1400 Medical - Surgical Nursing II.....	14
PRN 1450 Human Growth and Development.....	4
PRN 1600 Maternal, Newborn, and Pediatric Nursing.....	10
PRN 1800 Transition to Graduate.....	12
TOTAL MINIMUM QUARTER CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED.....	81