



Practical Nursing, Diploma - 40 credits
Program Area: Health (Fall 2019)

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**THE ELECTRONIC PROGRAM APPLICATION MAY BE FOUND ON THE LSC WEBSITE.
APPLICATION DATES TO APPLY FOR FALL START ARE JANUARY 20TH – FEBRUARY 15TH ANNUALLY.**

Program Description

The Practical Nursing Program is designed for students who are nursing assistants to complete a two-semester program of study, after completing pre-technical courses/ requirements, in practical nursing that utilizes both theory and clinical course work as well as laboratory simulation. Upon completion of this program, graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses). Once licensed, graduates of this program are eligible to apply to LSC's Nursing AS Advanced Standing LPN Track to further their education in nursing.

Program Outcomes

- The practical nurse graduate will adapt to the diverse and ever-changing roles in a variety of health care systems.
- The practical nurse graduate will apply critical reasoning and evidence-based practice while providing safe and competent care to clients in all stages of development and at any point in the health/illness continuum.
- The practical nurse graduate will use the nursing process in meeting the health care needs of individuals of diverse sociocultural identities across the lifespan.
- The practical nurse graduate will participate as a member of the interdisciplinary health care team through effective communication in the delivery of client care.
- The practical nurse graduate will demonstrate professional behaviors and accountability to legal and ethical nursing practice standards for a competent PN, while being mindful of each client's inherent worth and dignity.
- The practical nurse graduate will monitor patterns and activities that may lead to unsafe practice.

(Note: BIOL1005, BIOL1140 & BIOL1141 is required for progression to Associated Degree Nursing)

Admission to the Practical Nursing program is competitive, based on pre-program GPA requirements and TEAS score.

Pre-Program Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
ALTH1410	Medical Terminology*	1	
BIOL1000	Human Body in Health and Disease *	5	
OR	OR	1	
BIOL1005 and BIOL1140	Introduction to Cell Biology and Human Anatomy and Physiology I*	4	
and BIOL1141	and Human Anatomy and Physiology II*	4	
ENGL1106	College Composition I*	3	

Required Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
NUPN1410	Adult Nursing I	4	
NUPN1420	PN Technical Skills I	3	
NUPN1430	Medication Concepts	3	
NUPN1540	Gerontology in Nursing	2	
NUPN1458	Practical Nursing Clinical I	1	
NUPN1468	Practical Nursing Clinical II	3	
NUPN1500	Nursing Trends	1	
NUPN1510	Adult Nursing II	4	
NUPN1440	Psychosocial Nursing	2	
NUPN1520	PN Technical Skills II	1	
NUPN1531	Maternal/Child Nursing	2	
NUPN1538	Maternal/Child Clinical	1	
NUPN1558	Practical Nursing Clinical III	2	
NUPN1568	Practical Nursing Clinical IV	2	

Total credits 40

***Indicates courses used to calculated program minimum cumulative GPA requirement of 2.4 to enter the program. Courses may require a prerequisite. Refer to the course outline or check with an advisor.**

Qualified applicants should be aware that program class sizes are limited, which may delay acceptance into the program.

You may be required to complete additional (or less) coursework, dependent upon the results of your Computerized Placement Test (CPT) and/or previous coursework completed or certifications awarded.

General Education courses that are required may be taken prior to entering the program, as long as the specific prerequisites for that course have been met. Please check with your advisor. All courses in the program need to be completed with a grade of "C" or better to progress into the next semester.

TEAS Exam with a score at or above 58.6% on ATI TEAS required for program entry.

Pre-program Requirements

Successful entry into this program requires a specific level of skill in the areas of English, mathematics, and reading. Program entry will depend, in part, on meeting the prerequisites listed below.

English/Reading:

- A score of 78 or higher on the reading comprehension portion of the CPT,
- OR completion of ENGL0950 or READ0950, which may **not** be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework,
- OR ENGL0955 or READ0955, which may **not** be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework,
- OR equivalent transfer course or higher

Mathematics:

- A score of 33 or higher on the Elementary Algebra skills portion of the CPT,
- OR completion of MATH0520, which may **not** be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework,
- OR its equivalent course or higher

NOTE: Upon entry into the program you will need a recent physical examination including current immunizations and a current negative Tuberculosis (TB) screening. Current certification in American Heart Association: BLS Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross: CPR/BLS for Healthcare Providers and First Aid is required for all clinical courses. ALTH1430 will satisfy this requirement for one year. Proof of current registration as a Certified Nursing Assistant, Military Medic, or Certified Medical Assistant. Background Study approval is required from the State of Minnesota/or Wisconsin. A national criminal background study is required by some clinical sites. Students assigned to a clinical site requiring a criminal background study will be informed of this requirement prior to the start of the clinical experience.

Program Approval/Accreditation

The Practical Program at Lake Superior College is approved by the MN Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN).

The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. is located at 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, in Atlanta, Georgia 30326. For more information, visit [ACEN's website](#)

Program Articulation

For additional information on the most current list of [articulation agreements](#).

For more information about the Practical Nursing Program including course descriptions, course prerequisites, the gainful employment disclosure, and potential career opportunities see the [program website](#) or contact the [professional advising team](#) at 218-733-7601 or the Director of Nursing Programs, [Deb Amys](#) at 218-733-7696.



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