



Practical Nursing, Diploma– 40 credits

Program Area: Health (Fall 2016)

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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

- Adapt to the diverse and ever-changing roles of the Practical Nurse in a variety of health care systems.
- Integrate 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
- Utilize the nursing process at the Practical Nurse scope of practice in meeting the health care needs of individuals of diverse sociocultural identities across the lifespan
- Interact effectively with clients, peers, and members of other health care disciplines utilizing current technologies.
- Provide Nursing care that is reflective of the ethics and values of the nursing profession and to be mindful of each client's inherent worth and dignity.
- Assess patterns and activities that may lead to unsafe practice.

Pre-Program Courses			
ALTH1410	Medical Terminology*	1	
FYE1000	Student Success Seminar	1	
BIOL1000	Human Body in Health and Disease *	5	
OR	OR		
BIOL1005	Introduction to Cell Biology	1	
And	And		
BIOL1140	Human Anatomy and Physiology I*	4	
And	And		
BIOL1141	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	2.5	
NUPN1430	Medication Concepts	2.5	
NUPN1440	Psychosocial Nursing	2	
NUPN1458	Practical Nursing Clinical I	1	
NUPN1468	Practical Nursing Clinical II	3	
NUPN1500	Nursing Trends	1	
NUPN1510	Adult Nursing II	4	
NUPN1520	PN Technical Skills II	1	
NUPN1531	Maternal/Child Nursing	2	
NUPN1538	Maternal/Child Clinical	1	
NUPN1540	Gerontology in Nursing	2	
NUPN1558	Practical Nursing Clinical III	2	
NUPN1568	Practical Nursing Clinical IV	2	
TOTAL CREDITS		40	
*Indicates courses used to calculate program minimum cumulative GPA requirement of 2.4 to enter the program.			
Courses may require a pre-requisite. Refer to the course outline or check with an advisor.			

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

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

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% (or 420 on new ATI TEAS exam 8/2016) 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: 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: BLS/CPR for Healthcare Providers 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 and/or Wisconsin as well before enrolling in any NUPN courses.

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 at www.acenursing.org

Program Articulation

For additional information on the most current list of LSC program articulations see us at:

http://www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s_agreements.php

For more information about the Practical Nursing Program diploma including course descriptions, course prerequisites, the gainful employment disclosure, and potential career opportunities see program Website: <https://degrees.lsc.edu/nurse/> OR contact advising at 218-733-7601 or pat@lsc.edu. Deb Amys, Director of Nursing Program, can be reached at 218-733-7696 or d.amys@lsc.edu



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