

PRACTICAL NURSING

Provide nursing care in a variety of healthcare settings. Students are prepared to take the National Council State Board of Practical Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Practical Nursing. The program includes off-site clinics and on-site simulation labs.

Medical-Surgical Care | Pediatrics | OB-Newborn | Geriatric Care



Suggested Abilities

- Lift 30 pounds
- Sustained activity and/or standing for 5 hours at a time

Prerequisites

- 18 years or older
- High school diploma or GED
- ENG 1021 English Composition
- BIO 1006 Basic Anatomy & Physiology (or BIO 2102 & 2102)
- College GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Complete entrance TEAS with score of 58.7 or higher, (can alternatively complete the HESI with a 77.3% or higher)
- Complete nursing application packet by designated deadline

Class Hours

- 7:50am - 2:55pm, Mon. - Fri.
- Clinical hours will be assigned by facility supervisor, students must have flexible availability

SEMESTER 1

NUR 1001 Pharmacology Calculations

1 credit

Covers dosage calculation and medication administration by all routes, using math and critical thinking for conversions and safe oral, parenteral (including IV) practice.

NUR 1002 Alterations in Adult Health I

4 credits

Care for adults and older adults, covering chronic illness, pain, fluids/electrolytes, perioperative and oncology care, end-of-life, infections, shock, system disorders, and psychosocial/legal issues.

NUR 1003 Basic Assessment for the PN

1 credit

Provides foundation used by practical nurses to perform assessment of health status of adult patients including collecting, reporting, and reporting pertinent data.

NUR 1005 Practical Nur Arts and Skills

6 credits

Nursing process, basic skills practice in classroom/lab, psychosocial and ethno-cultural integration, healthcare systems, and interdisciplinary relationships

NUR 1010 Pharmacology Practical Nursing

3 credits

Drug actions, effects, interactions, classifications, and common medications, emphasizing nursing considerations, patient education, and application in clinical care across the lifespan.

NUR 1015 Basic Concepts Mental Health

1 credit

Common psychiatric disorders, treatments, and nursing care for clients with diverse psychosocial and ethno-cultural backgrounds.

NUR 1070 Clinical I

3 credits

Offers the clinical practicum to apply the related nursing theory.

SEMESTER 2

NUR 1004 Alterations in Adult Health II

5 credits

Applies and expands upon previous classes to assist nurses in application of critical thinking to care of patients requiring medical surgical interventions.

NUR 1011 Advancement into Practical Nursing

1 credit

Reviews roles and responsibilities of the practical nurse including scope of practice, supervision, assignments, and leadership skills.

NUR 1013 Basic Concepts MA NB Nursing

2 credits

Acquisition of basic nursing theory and evidenced based principles to care of child bearing clients and newborns. Incorporates legal and ethical responsibilities of a practical nurse.

NUR 1014 Basic Concepts Peds Nursing

2 credits

Acquire knowledge and skill to care for pediatric clients and their family. Includes principles of growth and development in application of nursing care.

NUR 1016 Basic Concepts of Geriatric Nursing

1 credit

Builds upon knowledge and skills acquired in previous courses to apply nursing theory to promote health, safety, and evidenced based care to older adults.

NUR 1071 Clinical II

2 credits

Offers the clinical practicum to apply the related nursing theory.

NUR 1072 Clinical III

1 credit

Offers the clinical practicum to apply the related nursing theory.

NUR 1073 Clinical IV

3 credits

Offers the clinical practicum to apply the related nursing theory.

Practical Nursing Certificate

1 Year

38.5 Credit Hours



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