

Certificate Nursing

Practical Nursing Certificate

Leading to LPN



PURPOSE: The Practical Nursing curriculum is designed to prepare beginning practitioners with the knowledge and skills, as entry level nurses, to care for patients of all age groups. Students will be prepared to assist in meeting the health needs of the community through provision of quality nursing care as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN). The program length is three semesters (One Year This program has approved By the Virginia State Board of Nursing).

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The student is required to complete a sequence of courses and learning experience provided at the college, off campus educational facilities, and selected community agencies, such as hospitals, nursing homes, physician's offices, and comparable facilities. The Practical using faculty will observe and evaluate the student's suitability for nursing and direct patient care.

First Year

First Semester				
	ENG	111 ¹	College Composition I	3
	PNE	161	Nursing-Health Changes I (Actual clinical Hours – 24 geriatrics)	6
	MTH	126 ²	Math for Allied Health	2
	PNE	143	Applied Nursing Skills	1
	PNE	173	Pharmacology for PNs	2
	PNE	155 ³	Body Structure & Function	3
	SDV	100	College Success Skills	1

Second Semester				
	PNE	162	Nursing-Health Changes II (Actually clinical Hours-180MS/Geri/MS/mental health)	10
	PSY	230	Developmental Psychology*	3
	PNE	158	Mental Health	1
	HLT	130 ¹	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	2

Third Semester				
	PNE	164	Nursing-Health Changes IV	10
	PNE	136	Care of Maternal, Newborn, and Pediatric	4
	PNE	145 ⁴	Trends	1
Total Minimum Credits for Certificate				46

¹ENG 111, SDV 100, HLT 130, PSY 231 and 232, PSY 230 are curricular courses and may be repeated; but, must be completed by the end of program
²MTH126 is a curricular course and may be repeated but must be completed prior to admission or within the first semester for program progression

³PNE 155 - may substitute BIO 141 and 142 for PNE 155. BIO 141 and 142 must be completed prior to or within first and second semesters for program progression. Due to BIO 141 and 142 being an acceptable substitute to PNE 155, failure within BIO 141 or 142 will count towards one of the PNE course failures.

⁴PNE 145 - PNE 199 supervised study course required if 90% probability on NCLEX predictor is not achieved during Trends

*PSY 230- Students wishing to bridge or continue in the RN program will need to take PSY 231 and 232 instead of PSY 230

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