

PRACTICAL NURSING, Certificate - 3270

Health & Public Service Department

CIP Code: 51.3901

Students are prepared for employment as Practical Nurses. As integral members of a health care team, Practical Nurses meet the basic needs of clients, carry out therapeutic procedures, and observe/report symptoms in response to treatment. The program is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The complete program is available at the Harrisburg, Lancaster and York campuses.

Selective Program: Entry into this program is not guaranteed with admission to the College; this is a selective and competitive admission program; specific admissions criteria must be met. Please go to the Health Careers website (www.hacc.edu/healthcareers), or contact us by email at start@hacc.edu for specific program entry requirements

The following requirements must be completed (at the student's expense) after being selected for, but prior to starting the clinical portion of the program. Requirements include physical examination and immunizations, background checks, drug and alcohol screens and CPR certification. The student should consider these factors before enrolling. If the student has any questions regarding this, he or she should contact the program director.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the program are employed as practical nurses caring for patients in hospitals, extended care facilities, and health care delivery settings.

(SOC Code: 29-2061 Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses)

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to [demonstrate]:

[Professionalism]

- Participate in *life-long learning*
- Qualify for NCLEX-PN Licensure Examination
- Demonstrate *ethical* behaviors in nursing practice
- Demonstrate accountability in nursing practice

[Communication]

- *Communicate* effectively with client, family and colleagues

[Critical Thinking]

- Utilize the *Nursing Process* to assist in the provision of *developmentally* appropriate care to clients with common well-defined health problems throughout the *life span*
- Demonstrate *critical thinking* using the *Nursing Process* to assist in the delivery of *clinically competent* care
- Collaborate in providing client care utilizing *evidence-based practice*

[Caring]

- Provide *holistic* care that reflects the client's values, cultures, and lifestyles
- Engage in caring behaviors to help achieve desired therapeutic outcomes
- Promote comfort and optimal level of functioning along the *health care continuum*

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 53)

General Education		Major Requirements		Other Required Courses	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	BIOL 121 Anatomy & Physiology I	4	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	<u>3</u>	BIOL 221 Microbiology	4		
	6	PNUR 140 Intro to Practical Nursing Concepts I	1		
		PNUR 141 Intro to Practical Nursing Concepts II	1		
		PNUR 142 Data Collection Concepts for Practical Nursing	1		
		PNUR 143 Concepts for Informatics in Practical Nursing	1		
		PNUR 144 Fundamental Concepts for Practical Nursing	4		
		PNUR 145 Intro to Concepts of Gerontology for Practical Nursing	2		
		PNUR 150 Holistic Health Concepts for Practical Nursing I	5.5		
		PNUR 151 Holistic Health Concepts for Practical Nursing II	5		
		PNUR 152 Intro to Concepts of Leadership for Practical Nursing	4.5		
		PNUR 242 Family Health Concepts for Practical Nursing I	3		
		PNUR 243 Family Health Concepts for Practical Nursing II	3		
		PNUR 244 Advanced Behavior Health Concepts for Practical Nursing	3		
		PNUR 245 Intro to Concepts of Community Health for Practical Nursing	<u>2</u>		
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Note: A grade of C or higher is required in all courses.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Summer		Fall Semester II	
BIOL 121	4	BIOL 221	4	PNUR 242	3	PNUR 150	5.5
ENGL 101	3	COMM 101	3	PNUR 243	3	PNUR 151	5
PNUR 140	1	PNUR 141	1	PNUR 244	3	PNUR 152	4.5
PNUR 143	1	PNUR 142	1	PNUR 245	2		
PSYC 101	3	PNUR 144	4				
		PNUR 145	2				