

# PRACTICAL NURSING, Certificate Program - 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 and Lancaster 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](http://www.hacc.edu/healthcareers)), or contact us by email at [start@hacc.edu](mailto: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)

Link to Occupational profiles on O\*NET: <http://www.onetcodeconnector.org/>

Application and admission information: <http://www.hacc.edu/NewStudents/Apply/index.cfm>

## 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 = 43)

### General Education

ENGL 101 English Composition I 3

### Major Requirements

BIOL 100 Basic Microbiology (or) 1  
BIOL 221 Microbiology (4)  
BIOL 111 Intro to Human Biology (or) 3  
BIOL 121 Anatomy & Physiology I (4)  
NURS 100 Fundamentals of Practical Nursing 10  
NURS 101 Concepts in Practical Nursing I 10  
NURS 102 Concepts in Practical Nursing II 10  
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### Other Required Courses

PSYC 101 General Psychology 3  
SOC 201 Intro to Sociology 3  
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### **RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS**

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

<b>Spring Semester I</b>		<b>Summer</b>		<b>Fall Semester I</b>	
BIOL 100 or 221	1 or 4	NURS 101	10	NURS 102	10
BIOL 111 or 121	3 or 4	PSYC 101	3	SOCI 201	3
ENGL 101	3				
NURS 100	10				

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