Division of Health Sciences

Practical Nursing Certificate Program

The Practical Nursing Certificate program is designed to meet the educational goals of those who wish career-entry as a licensed health care worker. Practical Nurses provide nursing care for medical and surgical patients in long-term care facilities, hospitals, clinics, physician offices, home health, and community health facilities. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

Successful graduates of the program will be able to:

1. Utilize nursing process and judgment in the provision of Client centered care;

2. Communicate effectively to contribute in team decision making and collaboration;

3. Function within the professional standards of practice to deliver safe, ethical, holistic, and evidence-based nursing care;

4. Demonstrate leadership skills within the role of the practical nurse;

5. Utilize information technology in evaluation and application of evidence-based nursing care.

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