

ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE

Practical Nursing

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CODE	COURSE	CREDITS	CODE	COURSE	CREDITS
First Year/First Semester			Second Year/First Semester		
BIO-103	Human Biology ¹	3	FNS-105	Introduction to Nutrition	3
ALH-122	Certified Nurse Aide ²	4	NUR-110	Maternal/Child Practical Nursing ³	4
NUR-102	Introduction to Practical Nursing	3	NUR-116	Practical Nursing: Mental Health ³	3
HIT-120	Medical Terminology	3	BIO-121	Basic Microbiology ⁴	4
		13			14
Second Semester			Second Semester		
ENG-101	English Composition I	3	NUR-206	Practical Nursing: Adult Health II ³	7
HIT-132	Basic Pharmacology	3	NUR-210	Trends, Issues and Preparation for Licensure	3
NUR-106	Practical Nursing: Adult Health I ³	5			10⁵
PSY-101	Basic Psychology	3		Total Minimum Credits	51
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¹ Students intending to enter a school of registered nursing, or completing an associate degree in Health Science, should register for Basic Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO-117) and Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO-118) or Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO-211) and Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO-212). Students must meet Camden County College prerequisites for 4-credit Biology courses.

² Students holding current and verifiable, State-issue Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) credential are awarded 4 credits for their foundational knowledge in basic nursing skills and exempted from taking ALH-122 after successfully completing a written test and pay the appropriate fees.

³ The Practical Nursing courses require significant clinical practices hours in health-care facilities with which the College holds current contracts.

⁴ Students may take Microbiology I (BIO-221), providing they meet Camden County College pre-requisites.

⁵ Students who must maintain fulltime status may wish to apply for the following courses: SOC-101 Introduction to Sociology, PHL-232 Biomedical Ethics, MTH-111 Elements of Statistics I, or CHM-101 General, Organic, & Biological Chemistry I.

NOTE: Clinical placement is a required part of the curriculum and a requirement for graduation. Clinical placement hours may be scheduled during the day, evening or weekends based on availability and approval of the clinical facility. Students must provide their own transportation to and from clinical sites. Clinical placements will require a criminal background check, health clearance and/or drug testing before participation is allowed. Clinical sites may deny a student's participation in the event of a positive finding. Individuals who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor may be denied certification or licensure as a health professional. Information regarding eligibility may be obtained from the appropriate credentialing body.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Practical Nursing program at Camden County College is approved by the New Jersey Board of Nursing. This program provides the education that leads to a certificate in practical nursing and eligibility to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing. The curriculum provides students with the knowledge, technical skills, interpersonal skills and values that qualify graduates for a career in practical nursing. Content include courses in science, social science, humanities, nursing theory, lab skills training and clinical experiences in a variety of healthcare settings. General education credits earned in this program will transfer as per existing intercollegiate agreements. The Practical Nursing program can be completed within 4 semesters.

The New Jersey Board of Nursing defines license practical nurse (LPN) as one who performs tasks and responsibilities within the framework of casefinding; reinforcing the patient and family teaching program through health teaching, health counseling and provisions of supportive and restorative care, under the direction of a registered nurse or licensed or otherwise legally authorized physician or dentist.

PROGRAM GOALS

- To provide a concentration of course work appropriate for license practical nurses.
- To prepare the students to successfully pass the NCLEX-PN exam for licensure as a license practical nurse.
- To earn a certificate in practical nursing from the College.
- To prepare students to be successfully employed in multiple-care arenas.
- To support the continued academic accomplishment of students through the collaborative programs for registered nursing.
- To provide students with General Education courses.

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Integrate and apply basic science, practical nursing knowledge, and skills to provide quality, holistic, safe patient-centered nursing care.
2. Participate in the development, implementation, and evaluation and revision of the nursing plan of care with other healthcare professionals.
3. Perform competencies and responsibilities of practical nursing in compliance with the NJ Board of Nursing and established professional ethics

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age, high school graduate, and have a GPA of 2.5
- Attend a Mandatory Nursing Information Session. The schedule of dates/times/locations can be found on the College webpage or by contacting S. Hansen at 856-227-7200 ext 4359.
- Complete the College Placement Test and get a "C" or better in all required courses.
- Provide proof of high school graduation or GED.
- Provide college transcripts.
- Submit an official copy of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V), a scholastic aptitude assessment in the areas of Reading, Math, Science, and English. A minimum score of 58.7% is required for admission. Results must be less than 2 years old and limited to 2 attempts 30 days apart in the application period and 4 lifetime attempts.
- Maintain a grade of C or better in all nursing courses.
- Maintain a grade of C or better in all pre-requisites courses.
- Pass a physical exam; provide a clear criminal background, clear urine drug screen, proof of various immunizations,

liability insurance, and health insurance.

- The above requirements are minimum and do not guarantee acceptance into the practical nursing program. Applicants must meet the nursing department's criteria to receive provisional acceptance and enter Phase 2 of the application process. Deadline for complete files is March 31st.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Physicians' offices
- Residential care facilities
- Community care facilities
- Nursing care facilities
- Long-term care facilities
- Home healthcare services
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Outpatient care facilities

CONTACT PERSONS

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Highlight

Employment of LPN's is expected to grow much faster than average in response to an increasing number of older persons with functional disabilities, consumer preferences for care in the home and community, and technological advance that make it possible to bring increasingly complex treatments into the home and community.