

Practical Nursing (51.3901)

Overview

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Program Description

The Practical Nursing program is designed to prepare the student to meet the licensure requirements for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), as established by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE). The program progresses from simple to complex and consists of classroom instruction, lab practicum and supervised clinical activities in accredited hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care agencies.

Students should note that some courses have prerequisites, which must be completed before enrolling into upper level courses and continuing in the program. Advanced standing/articulated credit, including CNA to PN articulation, is determined based on LSBPNE and CLTCC policy.

Each course in the PN program must be completed with a minimum score of 80%. Students who successfully complete all the required competencies in the Practical Nursing curriculum as mandated by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, CLTCC, and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System are granted technical college diplomas. Upon graduation, the graduates are eligible to apply for licensure with the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners and take the NCLEX-PN examination administered by the National Council of State Boards of Nurses (NCSBN).

Practical Nursing is a limited enrollment program. Students must be admitted to the program to enroll in any of the PN courses.

Admission Requirements: Students must apply to the campus/program of their choice and meet the minimum admission standards, including:

1. meet all admission and application requirements set by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners and CLTCC;
2. provide official certification of high school graduation or satisfactory completion of the State Department of Education equivalency examination;
3. meet the minimum scores for CLTCC Practical Nursing Program in reading, language, and mathematics on an approved entrance examination;
4. provide documentation of 2nd step assessment - WorkKeys Work Readiness Certificate (Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum);

5. be admitted with the regularly scheduled class except in the case of admission with advanced standing;
6. provide certified copy of birth certificate or possess a valid United States passport;
7. provide health certification from a licensed physician; physical examination must be repeated for re-admit, transfer, or advanced standing students if a period of twelve months or more has lapsed since the last physical examination;
8. be fingerprinted and complete a college required Office of State Police Right to Review Criminal Background Check;
9. not be currently serving under any court imposed order of supervised probation, work-release, school release, or parole in conjunction with any felony conviction(s), plea agreement, or any agreement pursuant to the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 893. Applicants who fall into any of these categories are not eligible for admission;
10. participate in and complete the Practical Nursing Pre-Enrollment Success Workshop.

Additional departmental/program policies are included in the Practical Nursing Policy Handbook.

Entrance Examination Recommended Scores for Practical Nursing

Placement Test	Reading	Language	Math
ACT (sub score)	20	17	18
Accuplacer Classic	65	74	48
Accuplacer Next Generation	250	241	243

Each nursing and allied health student is required to obtain and continue personal health insurance, at his or her own expense throughout the term of his or her participation in the program. In the event of an accident or injury, the student is responsible for any medical expenses including ambulance service fees.

As documented by a physician on the history & physical exam document, students must demonstrate ability to meet following technical/performance standards (related to ADA compliance) while receiving the instruction as outlined in each course syllabus:

1. Read and communicate orally and in writing using the English language.
2. Hear with or without auditory aids to understand normal speaking voice without viewing the speakers face.
3. Visually, with or without corrective lenses, observe changes in client's condition and actively participate in learning process.
4. Utilize stamina, strength and psychomotor coordination necessary to perform routine practical nursing procedures at floor or bed level.
5. Demonstrate use of gross and fine motor skills necessary to provide independent, safe and effective practical nursing care.
6. Solve problems and apply critical thinking skills while providing safe and efficient client care.
7. Interact with individuals/families/groups from various socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.
8. Adapt and function in a multi stressor environment while adhering to legal/ethical guidelines of the school, Louisiana Practical Nurse (PN) Practice Act and clinical agencies.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate knowledge and ability to administer medications safely and accurately based on nursing standards of practice.
2. Perform safe and competent nursing care for clients with acute, chronic, or life-threatening physical health condition using the nursing process.
3. Perform applicable practical nursing skills to provide care for maternal and neonatal clients during the antepartal, intrapartal, and postpartal periods using the nursing process.
4. Perform applicable practical nursing skills to provide care for pediatric clients using the nursing process
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the scope of practice for the licensed practical nurse including laws, rules and regulations based on state and other regulatory agencies.

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Course No.	Course Title	Lecture	Lab	Total Credit Hrs.	Total Clock Hrs.
HNUR 1000	Orientation for PN/AH	1	0	1	15
HNUR 1211	Nursing Fundamentals I	3	1	4	75
HNUR 1212	Geriatric Clinical I	0	1	1	45
	CTC– Nursing Assistant			6	135
HNUR 1302	A & P for Nursing & Allied Health * BIOL 2200 Human Anatomy and Physiology * BIOL 2300 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	0	4	75
HNUR 1312	Basic Nutrition * BIOL 2600 Fundamentals of Human Nutrition	2	0	2	30
HNUR 1310	Introduction to Practical Nursing	2	0	2	30
HNUR 1311	Advanced Nursing Fundamentals	1	1	2	45

HNUR 1322	Basic Pharmacology for PN	1	1	2	45
HNUR 1460	Advanced Pharmacology	2	0	2	45
HNUR 2113	Medical Surgical Nursing I	5	3	8	260
HNUR 2123	Medical Surgical Nursing II	5	3	8	260
HNUR 2133	Medical Surgical Nursing III	5	3	8	260
HNUR 2143	Mental Illness Nursing	1	1	2	70
HNUR 2153	Maternal Child Nursing	1	1	2	70
HNUR 2163	Pediatric Nursing	1	1	2	70
HNUR 2173	PN Professionalism, Leadership & Management	3	1	4	75
HNUR 2183	IV Therapy for Practical Nursing	2	0	2	30
	<i>TD – PRACTICAL NURSING</i>			56	1500
ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3	0	3	45
MATH 1100	College Algebra OR Contemporary Math	3	0	3	45
	Social Science Elective	3	0	3	45
	Natural Science Elective	3	0	3	45
	Humanities Elective	3	0	3	45
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