

Practical Nursing

Certificate
103-108 Credits

The certificate program prepares a student to provide safe and efficient nursing care. Health facilities such as hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and public health nursing services employ practical nurses under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician.

A multimedia system of individualized instruction, offering stated objectives with a wide range of learning experiences to accomplish each objective is provided.

The Practical Nursing program is a 103 to 108-credit program in which students must demonstrate academic proficiency by completing basic curriculum requirements prior to entry into the core sequence of nursing classes. A high school diploma or GED is required, and a physical exam is required after entrance into the core program. A minimum grade of 2.3 is required in each nursing and supporting course. Evidence of academic proficiency is established by completion of each of the following curriculum requirements with a 2.3 grade or higher.

The following courses are required prior to entry into the Practical Nursing program:

- AP 103 and 104, or Biol& 241 and Biol& 242 (10 credits);
- Read 094 or 104, Reading Mastery (5 credits), or college-level reading ability as measured by COMPASS assessment;
- Engl 108, Medical Terminology (2 credits). Placement into Engl 108 is based upon a spelling placement test* or completion of English 090, Spelling Improvement; and
- Acomp 100N, Computation for Practical Nurses (3 credits). Placement into Acomp 100N is based on an appropriate COMPASS score or by completion of Math 062 (5 credits).

It is recommended that the remaining curriculum requirements also be taken prior to entry into the core coursework; however, a student may choose to enroll in these courses later in the program:

- Communication Studies (5 credits). Choose from Cmst 100, &210, &220, or &230.
- English Composition (5 credits). Choose from Engl& 101, Engl 109, 126, 127, or 128.

The student is expected to provide his/her own transportation to off-site clinical facilities. In addition to paying for tuition and books, the student is required to purchase a uniform, pin, white shoes, watch, bandage, scissors, and liability insurance. For additional information about a required nursing orientation and the application procedure, contact the Health Science curriculum advisor in Career and Advising Center, at ext. 2639.

Upon successful completion of the required credits, the student will earn a certificate in Practical Nursing. The graduate will be eligible to take the licensing examination and upon passing, practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Application for LPN licensure asks information regarding legal convictions, and drug/alcohol and addiction conditions that may inhibit nursing practice. For additional questions on this issue, contact the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission. The program is fully accredited by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

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Dept./No.	Course Title	Credits
Fall Quarter		
* Nutr& 101	Nutrition	5
Nurse 101	Introduction to Computers in Nursing	1
Nurse 102	Introduction to Clinical Pharmacology in Nursing	3
Nurse 104	Nursing 1 Fundamentals	6
Nurse 105	Community Lab 1	4
# Nurse 116	Nursing Issues and Delivery Systems	3
Nurse 127	Aids/CPR Safety/Inspection Control	2
Winter Quarter		
Nurse 103	Drug Therapy and the Nursing Process	2
Nurse 106	Nursing 2	8
Nurse 107	Nursing 2 Community Lab 2	8
Nurse 108	Introduction to Computer Case Studies in Nursing	2
Spring Quarter		
H Sci 150	Human Life Span, Growth and Development	5
Nurse 109	Nursing 3 Community Lab 3	8
Nurse 110	Nursing 3	8
Nurse 118	Advanced Computer Case Studies in Nursing	1
Summer Quarter		
# Nurse 112	Nursing 4	6
Nurse 113	Nursing 4 Community Lab 4	6
Curriculum Requirements		
# Acomp 100N	Computation for Practical Nursing	3
AP 103 and 104 or Biol& 241 and 242	Essentials of Human Anatomy-Physiology 1 and 2 or Human Anatomy-Physiology 1 and 2	10
# Cmst 100 or Cmst& 210 or Cmst& 220 or Cmst& 230	Fundamentals of Oral Communication or Interpersonal Communication or Public Speaking or Small Group Communication	5
# Engl 109 or	Writing for Trades and Professional/Technical Degrees or	

Engl& 101 or	English Composition I or	
Engl 126 or	Writing: Humanities or	
Engl 127 or	Writing: Social Sciences or	
Engl 128	Research Writing: Science/Engineering/Business	5
Engl 108	Medical Terminology	2
Read 094	Reading Improvement	0-5

Satisfies related instruction requirements.

* May be taken prior to entrance into the Practical Nursing Program.