



Licensed Practical Nurse, Certificate (2021-22 Catalog)

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Courses are listed in preferred order of completion

Plans can be modified to fit student needs by adding more semesters

Choose your courses with your Advisor.

Developmental Education Courses (if required)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACLS050	Introduction to Academic Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH020	Pre-Algebra
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL027	Writing Skills Workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH022	Elementary Algebra
LPN Program Prerequisites					
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOS115	Essentials of Biology or HS Biology w/lab and a grade of C or better			
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH022	High School Algebra I with a "C" or better OR MATH022 Elementary Algebra OR exemption*			
<input type="checkbox"/>	TEAS test	results submitted prior to application deadline, achieved 'basic' level			
<input type="checkbox"/>	GPA of a 2.5 or higher				

LPN is a fall-start program. Students may apply to the clinical program starting October 1. Applications must be completed by February 15. Students will not be able to apply to the clinical program after February 15.

After February 15, students who wish to take general education courses toward the LPN certificate may apply to the General Studies program of study.

Location: B= BETH, M= MROE, S=SBTH, E= ESTN, D= DIST *subject to change									
complete	Course #	Course Title	Credits	Gen Ed	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Pre-requisites / Co-requisites
Semester 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	COLS101	College Success	1		B, M, D	----	B, M, D	D
	<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOS160	Human Biology	4		B, M, D	----	B, M, D	B
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL101	English I	3	Comm.	B, M, D, E	----	B, M, D, E	B, M, D
	<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS101	Introduction to Nursing	8		B, M	----	----	----
	<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC103	Introduction to Psychology	3		B, M, D	----	B, M, D	B, M, D
		Total Semester Credits:	19						
Semester 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS151	Medical-Surgical Nursing for the Practical Nurse	8		----	----	B,M	----
	<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC258	Developmental Psychology	3		B, M, D	D	B, M, D	D
	<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCA103	Principles of Sociology	3		B, M, D	D	B, M, D	B,M,D
		Total Semester Credits:	14						
Semester 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS205	Geriatric Nursing for the Practical Nurse	4		----	----	----	B, M
	<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS206	Maternal Nursing for the Practical Nurse	4		----	----	----	B, M
	<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS207	Mental Health Nursing for the Practical Nurse	3		----	----	----	B, M
		Total Semester Credits:	11						
		Total Degree Credits	44						

Notes:

*Students may place above MATH022 by taking the Math Placement test.

***It is the student's responsibility to be knowledgeable of NCC graduation requirements and to verify transfer requirements with the 4-year institution. Courses listed on the program map are based upon the assumption that prerequisites and courses taken in previous semesters will be successfully completed**

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Practical Nursing certificate program is selective. Applicants must have coursework completed equal to a standard high school course with a minimum of 16 units including 4 units of English, 3 units of Social Sciences, 2 units of Mathematics (one of which is Algebra), and 2 units of Science with a related laboratory or the equivalent.

The minimum admission requirements to the program include:

- Completion of high school biology* with a grade of C or better. *An acceptable substitute for high school biology is NCC [BIOS115](#) with a grade of C or better.
- One year of high school Algebra** with a C or better **an acceptable substitute for Algebra, it is NCC [MATH022](#) with a grade of C or better.
- Courses used as admission criteria cannot be used to satisfy degree requirements.
- TEAS® results submitted prior to the application deadline
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Please note: Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the Nursing program. Primary consideration is given to those who have received a grade of B or better in the program sciences on the first attempt and have a TEAS® academic preparedness level of BASIC. Additional information on TEAS® testing is available [here](#).
- If available spaces in the program are not filled by students who have met the aforementioned standards, the College reserves the right to accept students who have, in the judgment of the College, the potential to complete the Practical Nursing program.

Narrative

The Practical Nursing (PN) certificate program prepares graduates for entry into the nursing profession as a practical nurse. Practical nurses work under the direction of a licensed registered nurse, licensed physician or dentist. The program includes 27 credits of nursing courses and 16 credits of general education courses and can be completed in one calendar year. It is offered at the Monroe and Bethlehem campus locations.

Graduates who successfully complete the program are eligible to apply to a State Board of Nursing for licensure as a licensed practical nurse and to take the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN®). This examination is used by the State Board of Nursing to assess the entry-level nursing competence of candidates for licensure as licensed practical nurses. When the candidate successfully completes the NCLEX-PN® exam, a license is issued. Information about the NCLEX-PN® exam is available at www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm.

Students are admitted to the program once a year, in the fall semester. The curriculum focuses on the art and science of nursing, and is taught in classroom, college skills laboratory, and clinical practice settings. Students attend class, skills laboratory and clinical simulation experiences on campus. Additionally, students participate in clinical learning experiences in various healthcare settings under the guidance of nursing faculty. Clinical learning experiences provide students with the opportunity to apply nursing theory in client care situations. Clinical settings include acute and long term care, in-patient and outpatient facilities.

Class, lab and simulation experiences are scheduled during the day. Most clinical experiences are scheduled during the day between the hours of 6:30 am and 5:00 pm. The college reserves the right to schedule clinical experiences during the evening and/or on weekends if necessary.

General Education courses in the nursing curriculum are offered in traditional and online format during the day and evening. Students may elect to complete general education courses prior to entering the program. All students are encouraged to consult an academic advisor.

[View Gainful Employment information on the Nursing: LPN certificate.](#)

Career Potential

Graduates of the program find jobs in a variety of health care settings including long-term care facilities, home health care agencies, state and federal health-related facilities, private duty nursing, clinics, and office settings.

Accreditation Information

The Practical Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404.975.5000, <http://www.acenursing.org> and has provisional approval by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

Frequently Asked Questions

Responses to frequently asked questions about the PN Certificate program are available here (PDF).

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