

PRACTICAL NURSING

Nursing practice combines the science of health and the art of caring.

The Practical Nursing program integrates theory with clinical practice. The student must complete all courses in the previous semester with at least 80% in order to articulate to the next semester level, including clinical objectives. Clinical experiences will be obtained in the following health care service areas: adult health, maternal child, mental health, geriatrics, pediatrics and basic skills. Theoretical content is based on the concept of holism in which the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being is considered. Area hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, mental health units, and pediatric and adolescent facilities are utilized for clinical experiences.

Students enrolled in the program may become members of the Arkansas Licensed Practical Nursing Association and take part in competitive events and education workshops. Workshops, conferences, and seminars are used to enhance the educational experience.

Upon successful completion of the program, the student will be eligible to write the NCLEX-PN exam for licensure. State and FBI background checks are required of each student by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing when applying for licensure exam. An applicant may be denied permission to write based on background check results.

Minimum Requirements for Graduation with a Technical Certificate

Course	Theory Clock Hours
Vocational, Legal and Ethical Concepts	30 Hours
Body Structure and Function	90 Hours
Nursing of the Geriatric Patient	30 Hours
Nutrition in Health and Illness	30 Hours
Basic Nursing Principles and Skills	150 Hours
Nursing of Adult Patients with Medical and Surgical Conditions	150 Hours
Nursing of Children	60 Hours
Nursing of Mothers and Infants	90 Hours
Mental Health and Care of the Mentally Ill	60 Hours
Pharmacology	90 Hours
Theory/Clinical Hours	780/810 Hours

1590 Total Program Hours

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Course Number	Course Name	Semester Hours
1st Semester		
LPN 1101	Vocational, Legal and Ethical Concepts	1
LPN 1102	Pharmacology I	2
LPN 1103	Body Structure and Function	3
LPN 1111	Nursing of the Geriatric Patient	1
LPN 1114	Basic Nursing Principles and Skills I	4
LPN 1115	Clinical I	5
LPN 1121	Nutrition in Health and Illness	1
Total		17

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2nd Semester

LPN 1202	Nursing of Adults with Medical/Surgical Conditions I	2
LPN 1203	Nursing of Mothers and Infants	3
LPN 1210	Clinical II	10
LPN 1211	Basic Nursing Principles and Skills II	1
LPN 1221	Pharmacology II	1
Total		17

3rd Semester

LPN 1302	Nursing of Children	2
LPN 1303	Nursing of Adults with Medical/Surgical Conditions II	3
LPN 1312	Clinical III	12
LPN 1322	Mental Health	2
Total		19

Curriculum in Allied Health Associate of Applied Science Degree in Allied Health

The A.A.S. in Allied Health with a Practical Nursing option is intended to be a "feeder program" to the BSN program at the Russellville campus. This degree prepares the graduate to sit for licensure in Practical Nursing and does not result in an RN credential.

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Hours
1st Semester		
COMS 1003	Introduction to Computer Based Systems	3
	<i>or</i>	
COMS 2003	Microcomputer Applications	
	<i>or</i>	
BUS 1303	Introduction to Computers	
ENGL 1013	Composition I	3
LPN 1101	Vocational, Legal and Ethical Concepts	1
LPN 1102	Pharmacology I	2
LPN 1103	Body Structure and Function	3
LPN 1111	Nursing of the Geriatric Patient	1
LPN 1121	Nutrition in Health and Illness	1
MATH 0903	Intermediate Algebra (or higher math)	3
Total		17

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2nd Semester		
ENGL 1023	Composition II	3
LPN 1114	Basic Nursing Principles and Skills I	4
LPN 1115	Clinical I	5
LPN 1221	Pharmacology II	1
PSY 2003	General Psychology	3
Total		16
3rd Semester		
LPN 1202	Nursing of Adults with Medical/Surgical Conditions I	2
LPN 1203	Nursing of Mothers and Infants	3
LPN 1210	Clinical II	10
LPN 1211	Basic Nursing Principles and Skills II	1
LPN 1302	Nursing of Children	2
Total		18
4th Semester		
LPN 1303	Nursing of Adults with Medical/Surgical Conditions II	3
LPN 1312	Clinical III	12
LPN 1322	Mental Health	2
Total		17