

PRACTICAL NURSING

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Note: The Practical Nursing Curriculum is currently under review.

The Practical Nursing program of ATU-Ozark Campus is an entry level 15-month, 3 semester nursing course. Upon completion of the course the student will receive a certificate in Practical Nursing. The course integrates theory with clinical practice. Theoretical content is based on the concept of holism in which the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being is considered. Clinical experiences will be obtained in the following health care service areas: adult health, maternal-child, mental health, geriatrics, pediatrics.

Upon completion of the program, the student will be eligible to make application for 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.

Students wishing to enroll in the practical nursing program should submit an application to the University with an official high school transcript, or GED transcript, and all college transcripts by June 1st for the August Class and October 1st for the January class.

To be eligible to apply to the Practical Nursing program, students must supply the Office of Student Services a COMPASS, ACT, or SAT score report verifying that remediation in English, mathematics, and reading is not required; or complete the appropriate remedial coursework with a grade of "C" or better to satisfy remediation requirements:

Submit an application to the Nursing Department, and schedule an appointment with a Nursing Department faculty member. Applications not submitted by the deadline or incomplete applications will not be considered for that semester's class.

Schedule the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) exam with the Office of Student Services.

Attend the scheduled Nursing Department Pre-orientation meeting.

Student Nursing Applications may be withdrawn if all of the above criteria are not met. Students not meeting required criteria may be required to reapply to the Practical Nursing program.

Meeting the minimum requirements for admission to the university does not guarantee admission to the practical nursing program.

Minimum Requirements for Graduation with a Technical Certificate

Course	Theory Clock Hours
Vocational, Legal and Ethical Concepts	15 Hours
Body Structure and Function	90 Hours
Nursing of the Geriatric Patient	15 Hours
Nutrition in Health and Illness.....	15 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	735/810 Hours

1590 Total Program Hours

Curriculum in Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate of Proficiency

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Hours
CNA 1114	Basic Nursing Principals and Skills I	4
BUS 2233	Medical Terminology	3
Total		7

Curriculum in Practical Nursing Technical Certificate

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Hours
1st Semester		
LPN 1101	Vocational, Legal and Ethical Concepts	1
LPN 1103	Body Structure and Function	3
LPN 1111	Nursing of the Geriatric Patient	1
LPN 1112	Pharmacology I	2
LPN 1114	Basic Nursing Principles and Skills I	4
LPN 1115	Clinical I	5
LPN 1121	Nutrition in Health and Illness	1
Total		17
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.

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Course Number	Course Name	Semester Hours
1st Semester Summer Terms (I&II)		
COMS 1003	Introduction to Computer Based Systems <i>or</i>	3
COMS 2003	Microcomputer Applications <i>or</i>	
BUS 1303	Introduction to Computers	
ENGL 1013	Composition I	3
MATH 0903	Intermediate Algebra (or higher math)	3
Total		9
2nd Semester Fall		
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
2nd Semester Spring		
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		18
3rd Semester Summer Terms (I&II)		
ENGL 1023	Composition II	3
PSY 2003	General Psychology	3
Total		6
4th Semester Fall		
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		17