

Practical Nursing

Diploma Program

Contact Hours: 1,015

Semester Credits: 35.5

Instructional Weeks – Full Time: 40

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 10 Months

Program Overview

As a vital member of the healthcare team, the Practical Nurse combines nursing skill with human understanding to care for both chronically and acutely ill patients in a variety of settings.

Program Philosophy

Nursing

Nursing is an art and a science as a practice discipline that provides ethical, holistic, and compassionate care to diverse individuals in a variety of settings.

Nursing care, the outcome of practice, is founded on the nursing process, which encompasses assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation.

Nursing involves professional accountability while delivering competent, culturally sensitive nursing care with clients and groups.

Wellness

Nursing works with individuals, families and communities to prevent and treat illnesses, promote and maintain health and improve quality of life.

Person

Nursing views each individual as unique with value and dignity.

Nursing views education as a lifelong process that starts with undergraduate studies and continues with professional development and education.

Environment

Nursing responds to healthcare's dynamic internal and external forces that affect individuals and groups.

End of Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Provide safe, caring and compassionate nursing care to diverse patients across the lifespan in various healthcare settings using evidenced-based practice to improve outcomes.
2. Function as a competent, entry-level healthcare provider applying leadership and management skills and embracing ethical and legal principles in the provision of culturally appropriate nursing care.
3. Collaborate with members of the interprofessional healthcare team to provide optimal care for diverse patients and their families.
4. Communicate effectively through verbal, nonverbal and technological methods with patients, families and members of the interprofessional healthcare team.

Program Objectives

The objective of this program is to prepare the student with sufficient theoretical knowledge and specialized practical skills to qualify for an entry-level position as a member of the nursing staff in an acute-care hospital, extended-care facility, physician's office, or other healthcare agency.

Term 1

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1011	Career Path Success A			15	0	0	0.5
CPSO1012	Career Path Success B			15	0	0	0.5
ENGL1210	English Composition I			45	0	0	2
PSYC1220	Human Growth & Development			45	0	0	2
HPRS1110	Foundations for Health Professions			30	0	0	1
NRSG1221	Fundamentals of Anatomy & Physiology			45			2
Total				195	0	0	8

Term 2

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1013	Career Path Success C			15			0.5
NRSG1010	Dosage Calculations	NRSG1221 ENGL1210 PSYC1220 HPRS1110		20	0	0	0.5
NRSG1151	Pharmacology I	NRSG1221 ENGL1210 PSYC1220 HPRS1110		35			1.5
NRSG1122	Fundamentals of Nursing	NRSG1221 ENGL1210 PSYC1220 HPRS1110	NRSG1622	30	0	0	1
NRSG1622	Fundamentals of Nursing Applications	NRSG1221 ENGL1210 PSYC1220 HPRS1110	NRSG1122	0	90	90	6.5
Total				100	90	90	10

Term 3

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
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CPSO1014	Career Path Success D			15			0.5
NRSG1136	Family Nursing	NRSG1010 NRSG1151 NRSG1122 NRSG1622	NRSG1258	30	0	0	1
NRSG1258	Family Nursing Applications	NRSG1010 NRSG1151 NRSG1122 NRSG1622	NRSG1136	0	30	45	2.5
NRSG1134	Nursing Care of Adults I	NRSG1010 NRSG1151 NRSG1122 NRSG1622	NRSG1456	30	0	0	1
NRSG1456	Nursing Care of Adults I Applications	NRSG1010 NRSG1151 NRSG1122 NRSG1622	NRSG1134	0	0	135	4.5
Total				75	30	180	9.5

Term 4

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1015	Career Path Success E			15	0	0	0.5
CPSO1016	Career Path Success F			15			0.5
NRSG1141	Mental Health Nursing	NRSG1136 NRSG1258 NRSG1134 NRSG1456		30	0	0	1
NRSG1145	Nursing Care of Adults II	NRSG1136 NRSG1258 NRSG1134 NRSG1456	NRSG1445	30	0	0	1
NRSG1445	Nursing Care of Adults II Applications	NRSG1136 NRSG1258 NRSG1134 NRSG1456	NRSG1145	0	0	135	4
NRSG1152	Readiness for Practice	NRSG1136 NRSG1258 NRSG1134 NRSG1456		30	0	0	1
Total				120	0	135	8
Subtotal				490	120	405	35.5