

PRACTICAL NURSING, Certificate Program - 3270

Mathematics, Science, and Allied Health Division

Students are prepared for employment as practical nurses. The program is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission. This program requires the student to complete a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, a State Police Criminal Record Check, FBI fingerprint clearance and screening for drug and alcohol prior to the start of the clinical experience. The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing may refuse to license a person who has been convicted of a criminal action(s). The complete program is available at the Gettysburg, Harrisburg and Lancaster Campuses. Required general education courses are available at the Lebanon and York Campuses, as well as at other sites.

Selective Program: Entry into this program is not guaranteed with admission to the College; specific admissions criteria must be met. Go to the Health Careers website (www.hacc.edu/healthcareers), email healthcareers@hacc.edu or call (717) 780-1988 or (800) 222-4222 extension 1988 for specific program entry requirements.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the program are employed as practical nurses caring for patients in hospitals, extended care facilities, and health care delivery settings.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Give consistently, safe nursing care to clients within a variety of settings using the nursing process and basic scientific knowledge as an approach for providing care
- Implement nursing care appropriate to the assessed stage of growth and development of the client under the direction of a licensed physician, dentist, or professional nurse
- Participate as an effective member of the health care team by reporting and recording significant observations based on nursing assessment skills
- Participate in personal and professional continuing education
- Participate in community and professional activities
- Identify the need for accountability in nursing practice
- Be eligible for the NCLEX-PN licensure examination

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 43)

General Education		Major		Other Required Courses	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	<u>3</u>	BIOL 100 Basic Microbiology or	1	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
	3	BIOL 221 Microbiology (4)		SOCI 201 Introduction to Sociology	<u>3</u>
		BIOL 111 Introduction to Human Biology or	3		6
		BIOL 121 Anatomy and Physiology I (4)			
		NURS 100 Fundamentals of Practical Nursing	10		
		NURS 101 Concepts in Practical Nursing I	10		
		NURS 102 Concepts in Practical Nursing II	<u>10</u>		
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RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Spring Semester		Summer Session		Fall Semester	
BIOL 100 or BIOL 221	1 (4)	NURS 101	10	NURS 102	10
BIOL 111 or BIOL 121	3 (4)	PSYC 101	3	SOCI 201	3
ENGL 101	3				
NURS 100	10				