

PRACTICAL NURSING, Certificate Program - 3270

CIP Code: 51.3901

Health Careers Division

Students are prepared for employment as Practical Nurses. As integral members of a health care team, Practical Nurses meet the basic needs of clients, carry out therapeutic procedures, and observe/report symptoms in response to treatment. The program is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission. All students accepted into the clinical component of the program must undergo a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, FBI Check, and State Police Criminal Record Check. Pennsylvania law states that the State Board of Nursing may refuse to license a person who has been convicted of a criminal action(s). This program also requires all students accepted into the clinical component to submit a health examination form completed by a physician/nurse practitioner/physician's assistant with immunization history including verification through blood work, and submit to a drug and alcohol screen. The complete program is available at the Gettysburg, Harrisburg and Lancaster Campuses. Some required courses are available at the Lebanon Campus, York Campus and 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. (SOC Code: 29-2061 Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses)

Link to Occupational profiles on O*NET <http://www.onetcodeconnector.org/>

Application and Admission information <http://www.hacc.edu/StudentServices/Registrar/HowtoApplyandRegister/index.cfm>

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to [demonstrate]:

[Professionalism]

- Qualify for NCLEX-PN Licensure Examination
- Participate in *life-long learning*
- Demonstrate *ethical* behaviors in nursing practice
- Demonstrate accountability in nursing practice

[Communication]

- *Communicate* effectively with client, family and colleagues

[Critical Thinking]

- Utilize the *Nursing Process* to assist in the provision of *developmentally* appropriate care to clients with common well-defined health problems throughout the *life span*
- Demonstrate *critical thinking* using the *Nursing Process* to assist in the delivery of *clinically competent* care
- Collaborate in providing client care utilizing *evidenced based practice*

[Caring]

- Provide *holistic* care that reflects the client's values, cultures, and lifestyles
- Engage in caring behaviors to help achieve desired therapeutic outcomes
- Promote comfort and optimal level of functioning along the *health care continuum*

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				

Program Costs: \$14, 248.00

<http://www.hacc.edu/FinancialAid/FinancialAidBasics/Cost-of-Attendance.cfm>

On-time Completion Rate: 4.6%

Job Placement Rate:

Median Federal Loan Debt: \$7,778.00

Median Alternative Loan Debt: \$0

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