PRACTICAL NURSING, Certificate - 3270

Nursing Department
CIP Code: 51.3901

The Practical Nursing Certificate Program prepares students to sit for the NCLEX-PN® licensing exam. Successful completion of this exam is required by the PA State Board of Nursing to obtain licensure to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurses. As integral members of a healthcare 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 Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). This certificate may be completed at the Harrisburg, Lancaster and York campuses through various modalities (e.g., on-campus/in-person instruction, hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and/or asynchronous instruction).

Selective Program: Students must first apply to the College at https://www.hacc.edu/Admissions/HowtoApply/. Once admitted entry into this program is not guaranteed with admission to the College; this is a selective and competitive admission program; specific admissions criteria must be met. Please go to the Health Careers website (www.hacc.edu/healthcareers), or contact us by email at start@hacc.edu for specific program entry requirements.

All students accepted into the clinical component of the program must undergo (at the student's expense) a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, State Police Criminal Record Check, and an FBI fingerprint clearance. 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 student should consider these factors before enrolling. If the student has any questions regarding this, he or she should contact the Program Director at the campus of his/her choice.

Please note that students interested in this program must begin in the Pre-Health Professions AS degree. Then, students may apply for admission into this program, once they meet the requirements to apply. Students can discuss these admission requirements as part of their advising process.

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)***

Competency Profile
This curriculum is designed to prepare students to [demonstrate]:
[Professionalism]
- Possess a sense of **professional identity,** a **spirit of inquiry** and a commitment to the profession of practical nursing:
- Demonstrate the ability to practice as a member of the health care team, whose practice reflects *holistic* **patient-centered care**, integrity and *ethical behavior*.
- Provide ***evidence-based clinical nursing practice*** by using evidence to promote change and excellence.
- Consistently demonstrate accountability, *ethical behavior*, and adhere to the standards of professional practice.
 [Communication]
- Communicate effectively, in a therapeutic way with the patient, promoting human dignity integrity, and **human flourishing** across the *life span.*
- Demonstrate the ability to utilize **informatics**, as a communication and information gathering tool to support **patient-centered care**.
- Demonstrate the ability to respectfully communicate information verbally, nonverbally and in writing, while delivering **patient-centered care** in partnership with multidisciplinary members and to achieve continuity of care and positive patient outcomes.
[Critical Thinking]
- Demonstrate the ability to recall and comprehend information and problem solving using the ***nursing process*** and concepts foundational to quality nursing practice.
- Utilize critical thinking skills to make nursing judgments regarding a posed clinical problem that demonstrate the use of the ***nursing process***.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply nursing knowledge to implement interventions and to reach a nursing judgment regarding the patient response to interventions in accordance with the national patient **safety** initiative.

[Caring]
- Engage in caring behaviors to help achieve desired therapeutic outcomes and promote **human flourishing.**
- Contribute to the plan of care to promote comfort and optimal level of functioning along the **health care continuum**.
- Provide *holistic* care that reflects the client's values, cultures, and lifestyles.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 53)

General Education		Major Requirements		Other Required Courses	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	BIOL 121 Anatomy & Physiology I	4	PSYC 101 General Psychology	**3**
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	<u>3</u>	BIOL 221 Microbiology	4		
	6	PNUR 140 Intro to Practical Nursing Concepts I	1		
		PNUR 141 Intro to Practical Nursing Concepts II	1		
		PNUR 142 Data Collection Concepts for Practical Nursing	1		
		PNUR 143 Concepts for Informatics in Practical Nursing	1		
		PNUR 144 Fundamental Concepts for Practical Nursing	4		
		PNUR 145 Intro to Concepts of Gerontology for Practical Nursing	2		
		PNUR 150 Holistic Health Concepts for Practical Nursing I	5.5		
		PNUR 151 Holistic Health Concepts for Practical Nursing II	5		
		PNUR 152 Intro to Concepts of Leadership for Practical Nursing	4.5		
		PNUR 242 Family Health Concepts for Practical Nursing I	3		
		PNUR 243 Family Health Concepts for Practical Nursing II	3		
		PNUR 244 Advanced Behavior Health Concepts for Practical Nursing	3		
		PNUR 245 Intro to Concepts of Community Health for Practical Nursing	<u>2</u>		
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<u>Note:</u> *Students must complete all courses with a minimum grade of C to graduate.*

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

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

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Summer		Fall Semester II	
BIOL 121	4	BIOL 221	4	PNUR 242	3	PNUR 150	5.5
ENGL 101	3	COMM 101	3	PNUR 243	3	PNUR 151	5
PNUR 140	1	PNUR 141	1	PNUR 244	3	PNUR 152	4.5
PNUR 143	1	PNUR 142	1	PNUR 245	2		
PSYC 101	3	PNUR 144	4				
		PNUR 145	2				