

Practical Nursing

Diploma in Applied Science

Credit Requirements: 46 Semester Credit Hours

Students entering Spring Semester

The Practical Nursing program is a three-and-a-half semester program of study that prepares students to provide patient care under the supervision of professional registered nurses, physicians or dentists. A graduate of the Practical Nursing program is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination-PN (NCLEX-PN). Upon satisfactory completion of the examination, graduates are titled Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN).

The PN program combines general education with clinical nursing courses and incorporates classroom instruction, laboratory simulation and clinical practice into two options for student completion: the Generic Option and the CNA-to-PN Option. Students who complete the Practical Nursing program may qualify for progression and continue the Nursing curriculum to complete the Associate Degree Nursing program. Requirements for these options are described on the following pages.

Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the Program Specific Admission Requirements below, applicants must also meet the General College Admission Requirements and General Nursing Program Admission Requirements. Admission to this program does not require proof of high school graduation. Students progressing to the ADN program will be required to submit proof of high school graduation.

Specific Admission Requirements

1. Meet *one* of the following three admission options.
 - a. Hold an associate degree or higher from a regionally accredited school with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- OR**
- b. Achieve a minimum composite score equivalent to the 60th percentile on the National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Exam-PN (PAX-PN). Scores are valid for 2 years from date of testing. Students may re-test every 6 months.

OR

- c. Complete the Pre-Nursing Certificate with a minimum GPA for the Certificate of 2.75. No more than 4 of the 8 courses required for the Pre-Nursing Certificate may be repeated to meet this admission option.

Important Note:

Students initially admitted to the Practical Nursing program who wish to progress to the ADN program **MUST** provide proof of current S.C. licensure as a practical nurse prior to progressing to the ADN program.

Recommended Sequence of Courses

First Semester – Spring

BIO 210	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
NUR 102	Basic Nursing Care Skills	4
NUR 104	Nursing Care Management I	4
NUR 105	Pharmacology for Nurses	1
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
		Total 19

Second Semester – Summer

BIO 211	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
+NUR 206	Clinical Skills Application	2
PSY 203	Human Growth and Development	3
		Total 9

Third Semester – Fall

CPT 101	Introduction to Computers	3
NUR 158	Health Promotion for Families I	4
NUR 159	Nursing Care Management II	6
		Total 13

Fourth Semester – Spring

NUR 209	Nursing Care Management III	5
		Total 5

+Requirement may be met through co-op enrollment (CWE 112) or international clinical experience (NUR 246).

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CNA to PN Option Career Path

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Applicants who are Certified Nursing Assistants from another program or who have been out of TTC's Nursing Assistant certificate program two or more years are eligible to be considered for admission to the CNA-to-PN Option.

Applicants who have graduated from TTC's NA program less than two years before application must meet Practical Nursing Admission Requirements.

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AND

4. Provide proof of current South Carolina certification as a nursing assistant. Submit with application.
5. CNAs from another nursing program or who have been out of TTC's Nursing Assistant Program for two or more years must provide proof (letter from employer) of a minimum of 960 hours (equivalent to six months full time) employment in a hospital or nursing home providing direct patient care to adult medical/surgical patients as a CNA within three years prior to admission to the program. Submit letter from the employer with application. Employment through an agency does not meet this requirement. Work experiences must include demonstrated competencies required by the program.

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NUR 105	Pharmacology for Nurses	1
PSY 201	General Psychology	3

Total 15

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PSY 203	Human Growth and Development	3

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**Automatic credit for NUR 102 will be awarded after successful completion of the first clinical Nursing course.*

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