

*\*\*This course requirement can be met by taking both a Humanities elective and either Public Speaking (SPC 205) or Interpersonal Communication (SPC 209). See Humanities Electives.*

## Practical Nursing

### Diploma in Applied Science

**Credit Requirements: 46 Semester Credit Hours**

#### Students entering Fall 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 – Fall

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
		<b>Total 19</b>

##### Second Semester – Spring

BIO 211	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
NUR 158	Health Promotion for Families I	4
NUR 159	Nursing Care Management II	6
PSY 203	Human Growth and Development	3
		<b>Total 17</b>

##### Third Semester – Summer

CPT 101	Introduction to Computers	3
+NUR 206	Clinical Skills Application	2
		<b>Total 5</b>

##### Fourth Semester – Fall

NUR 209	Nursing Care Management III	5
		<b>Total 5</b>

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