2020-2021 TTC Catalog

Practical Nursing

Diploma in Applied Science in Practical Nursing

43 Credit Hours

The Practical Nursing program is a three-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. Students who complete the Practical Nursing program may qualify to apply for progression and continue the Nursing curriculum to complete the Associate Degree Nursing program.

Accreditation

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3343 Peachtree Road NE
Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326

General Education Core Requirements

ENG 101 English Composition I 3
PSY 201 General Psychology 3

REQ GEN   Select from   3
                 General Education

Total: 9

Major Requirements

BIO 210 Anatomy and Physiology I 4
BIO 211 Anatomy and Physiology II 4
NUR 102 Basic Nursing Care Skills 4
NUR 104 Nursing Care Management I 4 *
NUR 105 Pharmacology for Nurses 1
NUR 158 Health Promotion for Families I 4
NUR 161 Basic Concepts of Pharmacology 2
NUR 195 Patient-Centered Nursing Care I 4
NUR 205 Patient-Centered Nursing Care II 4
PSY 203 Human Growth and Development 3

Prior to enrolling in NUR 104, students must successfully complete the Practical Nursing (PN) Level Dosage Proficiency Placement Exam or Health Calculations (AHS 126).

Total: 34

General Nursing Admission Requirements

All students applying to a Nursing program must meet the following General Nursing Admission Requirements:

1. Submit official transcripts from all post- secondary institutions, colleges and universities previously attended. Laboratory sciences must be taken within five years of the entry date to the program.
   a. Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of a 2.0 on each transcript
      or
   b. Complete ten (10) semester hours and achieve a grade of C or better in each course with at least one (1) of the courses being either BIO 210, BIO 211, or equivalent.
2. Meet the Program Specific Admission Requirements.

Program-Specific Admission Requirements

Meet *one* of the following three admission options:

1. Hold an associate degree or higher from a regionally accredited school with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at TTC at time of admission.
   OR
2. Achieve the required score on the National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Exam (PAX). Scores are valid for two years from date of testing. To register for the NLN PAX exam, contact Suzy Chandler (suzy.chandler@tridenttech.edu) or Jason Cameron (jason.cameron@tridenttech.edu) in TTC Testing Services. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at TTC at time of admission.
   OR
3. Complete the Pre-Nursing certificate with a minimum GPA for the certificate of 2.75. No more than three of the six courses required for the Pre-Nursing certificate may be repeated to meet this admission option, and all courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at TTC at time of admission.

Important Notes:

Students initially admitted to the Practical Nursing program who wish to progress to the ADN program MUST provide proof of current unencumbered S.C. licensure as a Practical Nurse prior to applying for progression to the ADN program.

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.