

Practical Nursing Certificate Program



A Practical Nurse is licensed to practice by the State of New Jersey. Under the Division of Consumer Affairs, the Board of Nursing regulates the practice within stipulated statutes and guidelines. The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse is defined as performing tasks and responsibilities within the framework of case finding; reinforcing the patient and family teaching program through health teaching, health counseling and provision of supportive and restorative care, under the direction of a registered nurse or physician.

This is a 46-credit certificate program that includes 16 credits of general education courses and 30 credits of specialized nursing.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM ADMISSION:

- High School Graduate or GED
- College Placement Test - Exit Academic Foundations
- Complete the following three college courses with a minimum GPA of **2.0**:
 - English Composition I 3 credits
 - Math for Health Science 3 credits
 - Human Biology 4 credits
- Successful completion of a standardized program entrance exam
- Medical Clearance
- Criminal Background Clearance
- Two References

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RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES:

PRE-ADMISSION:

ENG 101	English Composition I	3 credits
MAT 102	Math for the Health Sciences	3 credits
BIO 107	Human Biology	4 credits

FIRST SEMESTER:

PNU 101	Practical Nursing - Fundamentals of Practice	8 credits
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3 credits

SECOND SEMESTER:

BIO 201	Practical Nutrition	3 credits
PNU 102	Practical Nursing – Nursing Clients with Alterations of Basic Needs	8 credits

THIRD SEMESTER:

PNU 201	Practical Nursing – Maternal Child Health	5 credits
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FOURTH SEMESTER:

PNU 202	Practical Nursing – Nursing Clients with Complex Needs	8 credits
PNU 203	Role Transition	1 credit

46 credits