

# **Practical Nursing** Diploma

The Practical Nursing program expands upon the foundational skills of the Nursing Assistant. The curriculum prepares students to assist in the provision of general nursing care, think critically, and adhere to the Nursing Code of Ethics under the direction of a registered nurse or physician. Practical nursing students are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). This program provides a pathway for students who wish to pursue academic advancement or seek employment in a wide variety of healthcare settings.

# Recommended Course Sequence for Completion in 1 Year • 2023-2024

#### DIPLOMA

Spring Semester 2023 (*prerequisite coursework)	
*BIOL 1240 Health and Disease in the Human Body	4
*ENGL 1276 College Composition	4
*HPPC 1000 Medical Dosages •	1
*HPPC 1002 Medical Terminology •	1
*HPPC 1004 Pharmacology •	1
Total Credits	11
Fall Semester 2023	

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PRSG 1110 Foundations of Practical Nursing	3
PRSG 1200 Nursing Care of the Adult Theory I	
PRSG 1300 Medication Administration for the PN	3
PRSG 1410 Human Development Across the Lifespan	2
PRSG 1500 Clinical Lab I	4
Total Credits	16

#### Spring Semester 2024

PRSG 2100 Nursing Care of the Adult Theory II	4
PRSG 2210 Psychosocial Nursing Care	2
PRSG 2220 Nursing Care of Women, Infants	
and Children	2
PRSG 2410 Transition to Practice	2
PRSG 2600 Clinical Lab II	4
Total Credits	14
TOTAL DIPLOMA CREDITS	41

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Prerequisite coursework must be completed by the end of spring semester 2023, with a grade of "C" or better and a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.

\*Check with our Transfer Specialist to determine if any knowledge or skills learned outside of the classroom may qualify for Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) college credit.

## **Application to the PN Program** Fall Start 2023

Students must apply to the Practical Nursing Program for the Fall 2023 start.

- At the time of application students must:
- Have completed all prerequisite courses by the end of spring semester 2023, with a grade of "C" or better, and a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.
- Be current on the Nursing Assistant Registry by July 15.
- Have taken the ATI TEAS exam within the last 18 months with an overall composite score of 53 or higher.

### **Career Outlook**

About 60,700 openings for licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire.