

Pine Technical &
Community College

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 Completion in 1 Year • **FULL-TIME**

DIPLOMA

Preliminary Coursework

BIOL 1240 Health and Disease in the Human Body.....	4
or BIOL 1250 General Biology, BIOL 1260 Anatomy & Physiology I, and BIOL 1270 Anatomy & Physiology II (must complete all 3 courses)	
ENGL 1276 College Composition	4
HPPC 1000 Medical Dosages.....	1
HPPC 1002 Medical Terminology.....	1
HPPC 1004 Pharmacology	1
Total Credits	11

Core Coursework

First Semester

PRSG 1110 Foundations of Practical Nursing	3
PRSG 1200 Nursing Care of the Adult Theory I.....	4
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

Second Semester

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

Nursing Diploma Earned!

Application to begin PN core coursework

Students **must** apply to become eligible to take **PN core coursework** at pine.edu/practical-nursing by the deadline indicated on the PTCC website.

At the time of application students must:

- Have preliminary coursework completed with a grade of "C" or better, and a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher in the preliminary coursework
- Be current on the Nursing Assistant Registry (MN or WI)
- Have taken the ATI TEAS exam within the last 2 years with an overall composite score of 53 or higher (PTCC only accepts TEAS scores from **in-person proctored exams** - no virtual/online testing scores are accepted)
- Attend a PTCC Nursing Programs Information Session. Register at www.pine.edu/visit

pine.edu/apply

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← and **part-time** completion option

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Recommended Course Sequence

Completion • **PART-TIME**

(4 semesters, fall start, summers off)

DIPLOMA

Preliminary 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

Core Coursework

First Semester

PRSG 1110 Foundations of Practical Nursing	3
PRSG 1300 Medication Administration for the PN	3
PRSG 1410 Human Development Across the Lifespan	2
Total Credits	8

Second Semester

PRSG 1200 Nursing Care of the Adult Theory I.....	4
PRSG 1500 Clinical Lab I	4
Total Credits	8

Third Semester

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
Total Credits	8

Fourth Semester

PRSG 2410 Transition to Practice (Virtual ATI).....	2
PRSG 2600 Clinical Lab II	4
Total Credits	6
TOTAL DIPLOMA CREDITS	41

Nursing Diploma Earned!

Get the Credit You Deserve!

What is Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)?

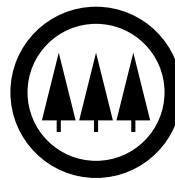
Pine Technical & Community College (PTCC) values learning that happens outside of the classroom. Many students enrolling at PTCC bring with them a wealth of knowledge and real-world experiences that can be turned into college credit.

Ways students can gain Credit for Prior Learning:

Job skills and work experience, employer training programs, volunteer or community services, self-study, military education and occupations, industry certifications, high school articulate college credit, standardized exams.

Earning Credit for Prior Learning is Easy

1. Visit the CPL website at mycpl.minnstate.edu to see a full list of eligible courses, requirements, and assessment methods to determine if CPL is right for you.
2. Reach out to records@pine.edu to discuss CPL opportunities, payment (if required), and assessment information.



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Upon Acceptance to Core Coursework

Additional Requirements Upon Acceptance into the Practical Nursing Core Coursework

All requirements listed below are due 2-3 weeks prior to the start of the semester in which you have been accepted to begin core coursework. See the application timeline for details.

- **Proof of active status on the Minnesota or Wisconsin Nursing Assistant Registry**
- **Immunizations** (before submitting documents, review them to ensure all required information is included.
 - Measles/Mumps/Rubella
 - Tetanus
 - Diphtheria
 - Pertussis
 - Varicella (Chicken Pox)
 - Influenza
 - Hepatitis B
 - Tuberculosis screening
- **Background Study**
All students must have a cleared Minnesota background study. A cleared Wisconsin background study may be required.
- **Current Healthcare Professional CPR**
American Heart Association CPR for Healthcare Provider (BLS provider) is the only accepted CPR. Must have hands-on skills test-out.

Note: COVID vaccinations are no longer required for entrance into the PN Program at PTCC. However, clinical sites may alter their clinical requirements at any time, and PTCC students would be required to comply at that time.

Attend a Nursing Information Session

Learn what is required for acceptance in the nursing programs. Nursing advisors guide you through the program application process and all the requirements necessary for acceptance.



← **SIGN UP**
To attend an
on-campus Nursing
Information Session!

www.pine.edu/visit