

# PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE

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This one-year certificate program prepares the graduate to provide direct basic nursing care as a practical nurse under the supervision of a registered nurse, licensed physician, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist.

The curriculum integrates classroom, campus laboratory, and clinical instruction for skills which the practical nurse performs to contribute to the nursing care of patients. Supervised clinical experiences are scheduled in a variety of healthcare settings. The student must demonstrate technical knowledge, manual dexterity, interpersonal skills, caring behavior, and commitment to professional ethics.

The program has full approval of the Ohio Board of Nursing. The graduate is eligible to take the National Council Licensing Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Graduates are then encouraged to continue their education through articulation into the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older prior to entering the first practical nursing clinical course. Some students may choose to extend their course of study beyond the usual one-year plan due to academic deficiencies, employment commitments, or personal choice. If a student extends their course of study beyond the one-year time frame, the student is responsible to notify the Nursing Department. The student is expected to complete the practical nursing clinical coursework within two years of beginning the first semester of the Practical Nursing Program.

To be eligible for a Practical Nurse Certificate, a student must have received a grade of "C" or better in all required coursework.

## Admission or Reentry for Advanced Clinical Placement in Practical Nursing

Students who have withdrawn in good standing from the practical nursing clinical course sequence may request readmission within one year as space is available. Remedial study may be required. Requests for readmission will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Transfer students with college credit for potentially equivalent courses should submit course syllabi and materials for equivalency evaluation. Advanced placement may be granted if courses are equivalent and were completed within the accepted time frame.

Students in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program who seek a major change to the Practical Nursing (PN) program will be considered before transfer students. Advanced standing into the PN program may be awarded to RSC ADN students that have successfully completed at least the first nursing clinical course of the ADN academic plan. ADN students must successfully complete the PN program curriculum and any associated coursework to receive a certificate of completion. Students may then elect to re-enter the ADN program through the LPN to ADN Transition Program. All qualifications must be met.

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code 4723 and rule 4723-5-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code, students who reenter or are readmitted to an Ohio

school of nursing must "meet the curriculum requirements effective at the time of readmission."

Basic science and applied general education courses will be evaluated on an individual basis to determine equivalency.

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| Fall                    |  | Hours |
|-------------------------|--|-------|
| BHS 2110                | Growth and Development: Lifespan                                   | 2     |
| BIO 1000<br>or BIO 1120 | Basic Human Structure and Function<br>or Anatomy and Physiology II | 3     |
| COM 1110✍               | English Composition  | 3     |
| PNS 1201                | Fundamentals-Practical Nursing                                     | 8     |
| Term Hours              |  | 16    |
| Spring                  |  |       |
| DTN 1220                | Principles of Nutrition  | 2     |
| NSG 1721                | Pharmacology for Nursing   | 2     |
| PSY 1010✍               | General Psychology   | 3     |
| PNS 1202                | Adult Medical-Surgical Nursing                                     | 10    |
| Term Hours              |  | 17    |
| Summer                  |  |       |
| PNS 1203                | PN-Issues and Trends   | 1     |
| PNS 1204                | Maternal Child Nursing   | 5     |
| Term Hours              |  | 6     |
| Total Hours             |  | 39    |

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## Acceptance into the Practical Nursing Certificate Program

Applicants must meet acceptance requirements before being placed on the program's qualified list. Names are placed on the qualified list using the date on which documentation was received, verifying that acceptance requirements have been met. In the event that two or more students qualify on the same day, the date of application is used to rank order the students. All students must meet technical standards. Applicants who do not meet the qualifications should meet with an advisor in The Office of Advising and Counseling to plan a course of study.

## Acceptance Requirements

1. General college requirements (See General Admissions Procedures.)
2. Graduation from high school or equivalent.
3. Attend mandatory Practical Nursing Program Student Orientation.
4. Must be remediation free in math, English, reading, and science.
5. College GPA of 2.0 or higher.
6. Declaration of Practical Nursing as the major course of study.
7. Certificate of completion of state-approved nurse aide training course.

### **Additional Requirements After Entry into the First Clinical Nursing Course**

1. Evidence of sufficient physical and mental health to engage in the practice of nursing.
2. Current American Heart Association or equivalent certification in CPR.
3. Completed Health and Immunizations Form.
4. Criminal background check.
5. Drug screen.