

HEALTH & EDUCATION

PRACTICAL NURSING

Delivery: Daytime Classes

Start: Summer, Fall or Spring Semester, Full-Time

AWARDS

Practical Nursing Diploma 42 cr.

MAJOR DESCRIPTION

The program equips graduates with the knowledge and skill set to administer safe, ethical, patient-centered nursing care in traditional and alternative health care settings. The Practical Nurse (PN) role within the nursing process is taught through classroom learning, simulated client care, and instructor-supervised clinical experiences in health care settings.

Employment in this field typically requires successful completion of the NCLEX-PN licensing exam.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Graduates of the Practical Nurse program must pass the NCLEX examination to become licensed. Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), provide direct patient care under the supervision of a registered nurse (RN), advanced practice nurse (APN), physical assistant (PA), or physician (MD). Potential employers include hospitals, long-term care facilities, health care clinics, schools, home health agencies, and homes for special populations.

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

- Clinic Nurse
- Hospital Staff Nurse
- Charge Nurse
- Home Health Nurse
- Nursing Technician
- Office Nurse

SALARY DATA

See latest data at careerwise.minnstate.edu.

- Average Wage: \$24.90/hour
- Top Earners: \$30.33/hour

PROGRAM APPROVAL

The Practical Nursing program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

**PRACTICAL NURSING
DIPLOMA**

This is a suggested sample course sequence.

Please contact your program advisor regarding your academic plans.

First Semester 13 cr

HEAL1061	Nursing Assistant	4
HEAL1101	Anatomy and Physiology	4
HEAL1150	Health Career Mathematics	1
PSYC1350	Lifespan Development	4

Second Semester 15 cr

(Second application is required before starting this semester)

PNSG1010	Foundations of Nursing Practice	4
PNSG1355	Pharmacology	3
PNSG1400	Adult Health I	4
PNSG1600	Clinical I	4

Third Semester 14 cr

PNSG1410	Adult Health II	4
PNSG1620	Clinical II	4
PNSG1755	Behavioral Health Concepts	2
PNSG1805	Maternal and Child Health	2
PNSG2001	Nursing Capstone	2

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 42



Dakota County Technical College
Practical Nursing Program is accredited
by the National League for Nursing
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