

Practical Nursing Certificate

The Practical Nursing program is a one-year (12 month) certificate program designed to prepare students for licensure and employment as a Licensed Practical Nurses in a variety of healthcare settings.

Program Learning Outcomes

- ◆ Apply knowledge from the biological, physical, behavioral, and nursing sciences in providing individualized, safe, effective nursing care in structured, predictable settings.
- ◆ Participate in the nursing process to provide individualized nursing care to patients across the lifespan and health continuum.
- ◆ Utilize therapeutic communication and interpersonal skills with patients, families, colleagues, and other members of the healthcare team.
- ◆ Provide nursing care that values the worth and dignity of each patient.
- ◆ Practice within the role of the Practical Nurse according to established legal and ethical guidelines.
- ◆ Demonstrate accountability for own nursing practice in all areas of the healthcare delivery system.
- ◆ Demonstrate responsibility for continued life-long learning and growth in nursing practice.

Admission

A separate nursing application is required, in addition to the College application. Students must complete all admission criteria and submit a nursing application by the designated deadline before being allowed to start a nursing course in the curriculum. See for admission criteria: <https://northweststate.edu/nursing-allied-health-home>).



Program Approval

The Practical Nursing program at Northwest State Community College located in Archbold, Ohio is approved by the:

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PROGRAM SEQUENCE

Fall Course Sequence

Fall Semester		Credits
BIO150	The Human Body OR	
BIO232*	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ENG111	Composition I	3
+ PNE120	Essentials of Practical Nursing	8
PSY110	General Psychology	3
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Spring Semester		Credits
PSY230	Lifespan Development	3
+ PNE119	Pharmacology	3
+ PNE121	Nursing Care of Mother & Newborn	2.5
+ PNE122	Nursing Care of the Child	2.5
+ PNE123	Nursing Care of Adults I	4.5
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Summer Semester		Credits
+ PNE124	Nursing Care of Adults II	5.5
BIO131	Nutrition	3
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Spring Course Sequence

Spring Semester		Credits
BIO150	The Human Body OR	
BIO232*	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ENG111	Composition I	3
+ PNE120	Essentials of Practical Nursing	8
PSY110	General Psychology	3
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Summer Semester		Credits
+ PNE117	Pharmacology I	1.5
+ PNE123	Nursing Care of Adults I	4.5
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Fall Semester		Credits
BIO131	Nutrition	3
+ PNE118	Pharmacology II	1.5
+ PNE121	Nursing Care of Mother & Newborn	2.5
+ PNE122	Nursing Care of the Child	2.5
+ PNE124	Nursing Care of Adults II	5.5
PSY230	Lifespan Development	3
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Total Program Credit Hours: 42

Student applicants must complete state-tested nursing assistant certification and American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR certification before beginning the program.

STNA current Ohio certification.

BCI and FBI criminal background checks are required 6 to 8 weeks before entering the nursing program.

A conviction for a misdemeanor or felony may affect a student's eligibility to enter nursing or participating in clinical experiences.

Applicant must be 18 years of age to begin the nursing program.

NRS117 and RS118 are the equivalent of NRS119.

* Required for LPN to RN Advanced Standing program.

Students are required to complete physicals, immunizations, and drug screens before beginning the program.

The PN program has been designed to articulate with the LPN to RN Advanced Standing option of their Registered Nursing program. Instead of BIO150 The Human Body, students who are planning to pursue Registered Nursing in the future may choose to take BIO231 Anatomy & Physiology I and BIO232 Anatomy & Physiology II. When the two-semester sequence of A&P is chosen, BIO231 must be taken prior to entrance into the PN clinical courses.

Prerequisite for BIO232 is BIO231 in a preceding semester; equivalent of BIO101 Principles of Biology or highschool Biology and Chemistry with a "C" or better is required, CHM101 Principles of Chemistry is strongly recommended.

+ Refers to technical coursework

PNE courses must be completed within two (2) years.