

PRACTICAL NURSING (PN) CERTIFICATE

NURSING DIVISION

Admission To The College

1. Submit to the Northwest State Community College Admissions Office:
 - a. Completed Application to Northwest State Community College.
 - b. Official high school transcript or G.E.D. Certificate.
 - c. Official college transcript(s) if applicable.

Admission to The Practical Nursing Program

1. Submit directly to the nursing office:
 - a. High school transcript or G.E.D. certificate.
 - b. Application to the Practical Nursing Program.
2. All students are required to demonstrate proficiencies in reading, writing, and mathematics based on scores on the placement test, ACT or take the recommended classes. If you have not taken these tests, call (419) 267-1320 for a testing appointment; recommended courses must be completed.
3. Must meet ONE criterion in each of the following areas to be assigned a starting date for the first nursing course PNE120:
 - a. **GPA**
 1. High school G.P.A. ≥ 2.0 .
 2. High school G.P.A. < 2.0 or G.E.D; complete 9 semester hours college work with G.P.A. ≥ 2.0 .
 3. College G.P.A. of 2.0 or better (if applicable).
 - b. **Algebra**
 1. Course Placement Algebra score at the MTH080 level.
 2. College equivalent (MTH080 Beginning Algebra) with grade of "S".
 - c. **Science**
 1. High school biology with lab, with minimum grade of "C" and high school chemistry with lab, with minimum grade of "C".
 2. High school biology and high school chemistry with a "C" from a curriculum not accredited by North Central and an ACT science score ≥ 20 .
 3. BIO101 Principles of Biology with minimum grade of "C".
 - d. **Computer Competency**
 1. High school microcomputer course since 1992 with minimum grade of "C".
 2. Successfully complete or proficiency CIS090 Introduction to Computers or equivalent.
 - e. **Keyboarding Competency**
 1. High school keyboarding course with a minimum grade of "C".
 2. Successfully complete or proficiency OAS090 Keyboarding Basics or equivalent.
4. Students will not be admitted to the program if a grade of less than "C" is received more than one time in any of the above courses.
5. Acceptance into the nursing program is based upon successful completion of admission criteria and review by the PN Admission Committee. Applicants will be notified by letter regarding their acceptance into the program. When more qualified applicants have applied than seats are available:
 - a. Consideration will be given to students having the greatest number of credit hours completed toward the nursing program.
 - b. Priority will be given to students who have completed coursework at NSCC.
 - c. Technical grade point average will be used to determine placement when criteria are equal.
6. **Upon acceptance**, the applicant must submit: The nursing acceptance deposit fee (\$100.00) to hold a seat in the assigned clinical class.
7. Prior to entry the student must submit
 - a. Completed health and immunization forms.
 - b. Verify current CPR with Red Cross (CPR/AED) for the

- Professional Rescuer or American Heart Association BLS for the Healthcare Provider.
- c. Verification of current STNA certification.
- d. Criminal background check.
- e. Drug Screen.
8. If taken prior to admission, the student must provide official documentation that coursework in The Human Body (BIO150) or Anatomy & Physiology I and II (BIO231 & BIO232) is seven (7) years old or less. If coursework is older than seven years, current knowledge may be demonstrated by taking the course(s) or the proficiency exam(s).
9. Clinical agencies utilized by the nursing program may require a negative criminal background check and a negative drug screen. Although the College will make reasonable efforts to place admitted students in clinical experiences, it will be up to the host facility to determine whether a student will be allowed to be placed at that facility. A positive criminal background check or drug screen requires a conference with the Dean of Nursing to determine whether the student can continue in the clinical nursing program. Students with a positive background check or drug screen may be dismissed from the nursing program.
10. Anyone with a felony, D.U.I. or misdemeanor conviction will be required, after completing the program to attend a hearing before the Ohio State Board of Nursing to determine eligibility to sit for the national licensure exam in Ohio. Anyone who has been convicted of or pled guilty to aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery, or aggravated burglary will not be eligible for licensure in Ohio. State Law (Senate Bill 38 and Senate Bill 160) requires certain agencies providing care to children or adults age 60 or older to require a Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) check of past misdemeanors and felonies. Job seekers are prohibited from holding such jobs if they have previously been convicted (or pleaded guilty) to a variety of offenses.
11. Guidelines from the Center for Disease Control state that "health care workers who have exudative lesions or weeping dermatitis should refrain from all direct patient care...until the condition resolves."
12. Clinical component must be completed within two (2) years.
13. The following performance standards are necessary to safely and accurately carry out nursing duties:
 - a. Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.
 - b. Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.
 - c. Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.
 - d. Ability to prepare and administer medications.
 - e. Ability to transfer patients.
 - f. Ability to read medication labels and patient records.
 - g. Ability to take blood pressure and hear breath sounds through a stethoscope (special types are available)
 - h. Communicate English clearly enough for most patients to understand and to be able to understand the verbal communication of English-speaking clients.
 - i. Clear written communication.
14. The PN program has been designed to facilitate articulation and to enhance further study in a student's area of interest. Instead of BIO150 The Human Body, students who are planning to articulate to the Advanced Standing Program 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 clinical courses.
15. Northwest State Community College is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer and educator that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, sex, or age.

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The Practical Nursing program is a one-year (12 month) certificate program designed to prepare qualified persons to perform nursing services in the prevention of illness, the care of the sick, and in rehabilitation at the direction of a registered nurse, a licensed physician, or dentist. The licensed practical nurse may find job opportunities not only in hospitals and nursing homes, but also in doctor's offices, community health and government agencies. The program incorporates face to face and online coursework, labs, and clinicals to prepare the student to function as a member of the health care team. Students must meet all admission criteria prior to being admitted to the clinical nursing program. Policies regulating the nursing program are available in the Student Nurse Handbook.

Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-PN) for licensure as a Practical Nurse. Students who have prior misdemeanor or felony convictions may be denied the opportunity to take the NCLEX-PN. The Practical Nursing program is fully approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Apply knowledge from the biological, physical, behavioral, and nursing sciences in providing individualized, safe, effective nursing care in structured, predictable settings within established legal and ethical guidelines.
2. Utilize effective verbal and written communication skills with patients, families, colleagues, and other members of the health care team.
3. Participate in the nursing process utilizing critical thinking skills to provide individualized nursing care to patients across the life span and health continuum.
4. Demonstrate responsibility for continued life-long learning and growth in nursing practice.

Part-Time Evening PN Program

A part-time evening Practical Nursing program is also offered at Van Wert, OH through a unique collaboration between Northwest State Community College, Vantage Career Center, and Wright State University, (Lake Campus). Necessary remedial and all required general studies courses are offered either at the NSCC campus at 793 Fox Road or by Wright State University at Vantage Career Center. All general studies courses within the curriculum must be completed prior to starting the three-semester clinical sequence. Clinical sites are in the Van Wert area. Contact the nursing division for specific details.

FALL START COURSE SEQUENCE

<u>Fall Semester</u>		<u>Credits</u>
BIO150	The Human Body	4
	or	
BIO232*	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ENG111	Composition I.....	3
+ PNE120	Essentials of Practical Nursing.....	8
PSY110	General Psychology	3
		18

<u>Spring Semester</u>		<u>Credits</u>
PSY230	Human Growth & Development	3
+ NRS110	Pharmacology	3
+ PNE121	Nursing Care of Mother and Newborn	2.5
+ PNE122	Nursing Care of the Child	2.5
+ PNE123	Nursing Care of Adults I	4.5
		15.5

<u>Summer Semester</u>		<u>Credits</u>
+ PNE124	Nursing Care of Adults II	5.5
BIO131	Nutrition	3
		8.5

SPRING START COURSE SEQUENCE

<u>Spring Semester</u>		<u>Credits</u>
BIO150	The Human Body	4
	or	
BIO232*	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ENG111	Composition I	3
+ PNE120	Essentials of Practical Nursing	8
PSY110	General Psychology	3
		18

<u>Summer Semester</u>		<u>Credits</u>
+ NRS11	Pharmacology I	1.5
+ PNE123	Nursing Care of Adults I	4.5
		6.0

<u>Fall Semester</u>		<u>Credits</u>
NRS112	Pharmacology II	1.5
BIO131	Nutrition	3
+ PNE121	Nursing Care of Mother and Newborn	2.5
+ PNE122	Nursing Care of the Child	2.5
+ PNE124	Nursing Care of Adults II	5.5
PSY230	Human Growth & Development	3
		18

- * Required for Advanced Standing ADN program (LPN to RN).
 - + Refers to technical coursework.
- NRS111 & NRS112 are the equivalent of NRS110. Students must attain a minimum grade of "C" in all courses to progress in the program and to graduate.