

Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate

Nursing Division

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The practical nursing program is a one year (twelve month) certificate program designed to prepare students to demonstrate competency in providing nursing care in a variety of health care settings and for employment as licensed practical nurses.

Students must meet all admission criteria and obtain certification as a state tested nursing assistant prior to taking the first clinical nursing course. The three semester program incorporates lectures, labs and supervised clinical experience in a variety of area health care facilities. Nursing faculty are available to advise students as they progress through the program. Successful completion of the program prepares the students to take the National Council Licensing Exam for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN), and practice as licensed practical nurses.

Students who have prior misdemeanor, felony, or D.U.I. convictions may be denied access to clinical agencies and the opportunity to take the NCLEX-PN. 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 of (or pleaded guilty to) a variety of offenses.

The Practical Nursing program is fully approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Part-Time Evening PN Program

A part-time evening Practical Nursing program is also offered at Van Wert, Ohio, 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.

Education Pays

Average Annual Earnings
Based on Education



Based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

2011-2012

Program Sequence

FALL COURSE SEQUENCE

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

<i>Spring Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
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

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

SPRING COURSE SEQUENCE

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

<i>Summer Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
+ NRS111	Pharmacology I	1.5
+ PNE123	Nursing Care of Adults I	4.5
		6

<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Credits</i>
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

Total Program Credit Hours **42**

* Required for Advanced Standing ADN program (LPN to RN)

+ Refers to technical coursework.

NRS111 and NRS112 are the equivalent of NRS110. Students must attain minimum grade of "C" in all courses to progress in the program and to graduate.

Course curriculum is subject to change. Please consult with an Academic Advisor for up-to-date information.

