



Practical Nursing

High School



Program description:

This program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and Council on Occupational Education (COE). It consists of 1350 hours of nursing education, one entire year. It is split 50/50 between theory and lab (class time), and clinical activities (direct patient care in local nursing homes and hospitals).

The student will complete all academic requirements in the first semester of their junior year and enter the Practical Nursing Program in the second semester (January). The student will be in the nursing class for 6 hours each day 5 days a week. The second semester (of the program) is over the summer. The student will have one week off in August before the next school year begins. **Students are required to provide their own transportation during the summer.** The third semester is in the fall of their senior year. Students follow the regular school board calendar for other days off.

Upon completion of the program students will receive a Certificate of Completion and be able to take the state exam for licensure, and upon passing, will be able to work as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

Careers:

Licensed Practical Nurses work primarily in rehabilitation, long term care, home health, mental health care facilities, doctor offices, and acute care-hospital settings.

Many students use this as a career ladder to Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Midwife, Physician Assistant or Physician.

Requirements: ****There are no exceptions****

11 th grade level CASAS scores (basic math and reading)	Tuberculosis screening- PPD- <u>TWO 2 step required</u>
All immunizations up to date	Accident insurance (\$8 per school year)
Medical insurance	Physical exam (with no restrictions in activity)
Negative drug screening	Fingerprinting for security clearance

*****PHYSICAL AND IMMUNIZATIONS NEED TO BE DOCUMENTED ON SCHOOL FORMS ONLY.*****

Attendance: (from nursing program handbook)

The Florida Department of Education requires that Practical Nursing students complete 1350 hours to successfully complete the Practical Nursing Program

A Practical Nursing student may not miss more than 10% of their classroom hours per course. Acceptable absences for the Practical Nursing student are:

Course	Total Theory & Lab Hours in Program	Total Clinical Hours in Program	Acceptable Absences
PRN0098	213	87	21.3 theory hours and 1 clinical day
PRN0099	160	140	16 theory hours and 1 clinical day
PRN0290	137	163	13.7 theory hours and 1 clinical day
PRN0291	90	210	9 theory hours and 1 clinical day
PRN0690	75	75	7.5 theory hours and 1 clinical day

Students may be dismissed from the program if absences exceed the amount allowed and stated herein.

Grading: (from nursing program handbook)

A STUDENT MUST EARN AND MAINTAIN A LETTER GRADE AVERAGE OF 70% IN EACH COMPONENT IN EACH COURSE TO CONTINUE IN THE PRESENT COURSE AND PROGRESS TO THE NEXT COURSE. (see final record)

Content:

First semester: (January to June)

Anatomy and physiology, nutrition, first aid, fundamentals of nursing care (this includes basic patient care-bathing, feeding, bed making and obtaining vital signs), growth and development, pharmacology (includes medication administration), and nursing skills such as sterile technique, wound care, elimination care (including urinary catheter insertion, enemas, colostomy care) and respiratory care (including tracheal suctioning, oxygen administration, chest tubes, respiratory therapy principles), care of fractures, specimen collection, HIV/AIDS, and care of the surgical patient.

Second semester: (June to August)

Adult health diseases and disorders

Third semester: (August to December)

Continue adult diseases and disorders

Obstetrics (mother-baby), Pediatrics (children) diseases and disorders, and graduate transition

THIS PROGRAM IS VERY RIGOROUS. EXPECT TO STUDY A MINIMUM OF 3 HOURS DAILY.

****THE STUDENT WILL EXPERIENCE CONTACT WITH LIVE PATIENTS AND THEIR BODY FLUIDS.**

Dress Code:

Students are expected to be in uniform each day. The school provides one uniform, one stethoscope, and one bandage scissors about a month after the program starts. Another uniform set is given before the fall term starts (around July).

Other uniform requirements:

- Hair must be of natural color, pulled up off the collar
- Visible tattoos shall be covered
- Natural looking makeup only
- No rings except a wedding band may be worn
- Earrings: one ball type per earlobe (no hoops or dangling earrings). The size is limited to ¼ inch diameter or smaller (white, yellow, or silver) and conservative in style.
- Fingertip length natural nails. No artificial or gel nails. Clear nail polish only
- Socks must be above the ankle or knee
- Shoes: All white non- porous (leather or leather like) professional closed toe.
- No clogs, crocs, high tops, fabric or plastic shoes.
- Other dress code rules will be discussed at the beginning of the program.

MUST RECEIVE A GRADE OF AT LEAST 70% AVERAGE
IN EACH SUBJECT UNDER EACH COURSE

COURSES	January to June				
PRN0098 Practical Nursing Foundations 1				-	-
Body Structure & Function				-	-
Geriatrics				-	-
Nutrition				-	-
Basic Nursing Foundation				-	-
Foundations 1 Clinical				-	-
Total Hours 300 (OCP-A)					
PRN0099 Practical Nursing Foundations 2				-	-
Pharmacology				-	-
Human Growth & Development				-	-
Mental Health				-	-
Skills & Procedures				-	-
Community Health Awareness				-	-
Community Health Awareness Clinical	-	-	-	-	-
Nursing Foundations 2 Clinical	-	-	-	-	-
HESI Fundamentals 1				-	-
Total Hours 300					
PRN0290 Medical/Surgical Nursing 1	June to August			-	-
Care of Surgical Patient/Lymphatic/Immune				-	-
Cardiovascular/Circulatory				-	-
Respiratory				-	-
Endocrine				-	-
Integumentary/Sensory/Musculoskeletal				-	-
Medical/Surgical Clinical				-	-
HESI Fundamentals 2				-	-
Total Hours 300					
PRN0291 Medical/Surgical Nursing 2				-	-
Oncologic/Neurological	August to December			-	-
Gastrointestinal				-	-
Urinary/Reproductive				-	-
Medical/Surgical 2 Clinical				-	-
HESI Medical/Surgical				-	-
Total Hours 300					
PRN0690 Comprehensive Nursing & Transitional Skills				-	-
Maternal/Newborn/SUIDS/SIDS				-	-
Pediatrics				-	-
Transitional				-	-
Comprehensive Nursing & Transitional Clinical				-	-
HESI OB/PEDS				-	-
HESI Exit 1				-	-
HESI Exit 2				-	-
Total Hours 150 (OCP-B)					
Program Total				-	-
GRAND TOTAL				1350	

Questions or concerns:

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