



## Practical Nursing, Diploma - 40 credits

Program Area: Health (Fall 2024)

**THE ELECTRONIC PROGRAM APPLICATION AND DATES MAY BE FOUND ON THE LSC WEBSITE.**

### Program Description

The Practical Nursing Program is designed for students to complete a two-semester program of study, after completing pre-technical courses/ requirements, in practical nursing that utilizes both theory and clinical course work as well as laboratory simulation. Upon completion of this program, graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses). Once licensed, graduates of this program are eligible to apply to LSC's Nursing AS Advanced Standing LPN Track to further their education in nursing.

### Program Outcomes

- The practical nurse graduate will adapt to the diverse and ever-changing roles in a variety of health care systems.
- The practical nurse graduate will apply critical reasoning and evidence-based practice while providing safe and competent care to clients in all stages of development and at any point in the health/illness continuum.
- The practical nurse graduate will use the nursing process in meeting the health care needs of individuals of diverse sociocultural identities across the lifespan.
- The practical nurse graduate will participate as a member of the interdisciplinary health care team through effective communication in the delivery of client care.
- The practical nurse graduate will demonstrate professional behaviors and accountability to legal and ethical nursing practice standards while being mindful of each client's inherent worth and dignity.
- The practical nurse graduate will monitor patterns and activities that may lead to unsafe practice.

### Pre-Program Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
ALTH 1410	Medical Terminology*	1	
BIOL 1000	Human Body in Health and Disease *	5	
or BIOL 1005 and BIOL 1140	or Introduction to Cell Biology and Human Anatomy and Physiology I*	1 4	
and BIOL 1141	and Human Anatomy and Physiology II*	4	
ENGL 1106	College Composition I*	3	

### Required Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
NUPN 1410	Adult Nursing I	4	
NUPN 1420	PN Technical Skills I	3	
NUPN 1430	Medication Concepts	3	
NUPN 1540	Gerontology in Nursing	2	
NUPN 1458	Practical Nursing Clinical I	1	
NUPN 1468	Practical Nursing Clinical II	3	
NUPN 1500	Nursing Trends	1	
NUPN 1510	Adult Nursing II	4	
NUPN 1440	Psychosocial Nursing	2	
NUPN 1520	PN Technical Skills II	1	
NUPN 1531	Maternal/Child Nursing	2	
NUPN 1538	Maternal/Child Clinical	1	
NUPN 1558	Practical Nursing Clinical III	2	
NUPN 1568	Practical Nursing Clinical IV	2	

**Total credits** **40**

**\*Indicates courses used to calculated program minimum cumulative GPA requirement of 2.4 to enter the program. Courses may require a prerequisite. Refer to the course outline or check with an advisor.**

Note: BIOL 1005, BIOL 1140 & BIOL 1141 are required for progression to Associated Degree Nursing

Admission to the Practical Nursing program is competitive, based on pre-program GPA requirements and TEAS score.

---

Qualified applicants should be aware that program class sizes are limited, which may delay acceptance into the program. You may be required to complete additional (or less) coursework, dependent upon the results of your Computerized Placement Test (CPT), and/or previous coursework completed, or certifications awarded.

General Education courses that are required may be taken prior to entering the program, as long as the specific prerequisites for that course have been met. Please check with your advisor. All courses in the program need to be completed with a grade of "C" or better to progress into the next semester.

---

**TEAS Exam with a score at or above 58.6% on ATI TEAS required for program entry.**

## Pre-program Requirements

Successful entry into this program requires a specific level of skill in the areas of English, mathematics, and reading. Program entry will depend, in part, on meeting the prerequisites listed below.

### English/Reading:

- Eligible for ENGL 1106 – College Composition I, or
- Completion of ENGL/READ 0950/0955 (or equivalent or higher). ENGL/READ 0950/0955 may not be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework.

### Mathematics:

- Eligible for MATH 0950/0955 - Essentials of Mathematics: Intermediate/Advanced.

There are other ways to qualify. Visit [Course Placement](http://lsc.edu/course-placement) (lsc.edu/course-placement) to find out more.

**NOTE:** All of the following are required upon acceptance into the nursing program:

- Current immunizations and current negative Tuberculosis (TB) screening.
- Current certification in American Heart Association: BLS Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross: BLS/CPR for Healthcare Providers and First Aid is required upon acceptance into the nursing program. ALTH 1430 will satisfy this requirement.
- Proof of current registration as a CNA, Military Medic, CMA, COTA, PTA, Rad Tech, Respiratory Tech, or EMT/Paramedic.
- Background Study approval is required from the State of Minnesota/or Wisconsin. A National criminal background study is also required.

## Program Approval/Accreditation

The Practical Nursing Program at Lake Superior College is approved by the MN Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN).

The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. is located at 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, in Atlanta, Georgia 30326. For more information, visit [ACEN's website](http://www.acenursing.org/) (http://www.acenursing.org/)

## Program Articulation

For additional information on the most current list of [articulation agreements](#) and [Broad Field agreements](#)

---

For more information about the Practical Nursing Program including course descriptions, course prerequisites, the program report, and potential career opportunities see the [program website](https://degrees.lsc.edu/nurse/) (https://degrees.lsc.edu/nurse/) or contact the [professional advising team](mailto:advising@lsc.edu) (advising@lsc.edu) at 218-733-7601 or [Tracy Moshier](mailto:tracy.moshier@lsc.edu) (tracy.moshier@lsc.edu) at 218-733-5958 of the Nursing Program.

---



MINNESOTA STATE

CIP Code: 51.3901  
Minnesota State Program ID: 4193  
LSC Major ID: 5209

Created: 5/6/2015  
AASC Approval: 11/29/2023  
Updated: 2/1/2024

All courses in diploma and/or certificate programs are acceptable for credit toward Lake Superior College degree programs as indicated on individual program planners. This is not a contract; Lake Superior College reserves the right to change the planner as necessary. This document is available in alternative formats upon request, by contacting Disability Services, [Disability Services](#) or (218) 733-7650 or MRS/TTY (800) 627-3529.