Practical Nursing Diploma

Academic Plan Code - 5116134009

The Practical Nursing program prepares individuals to practice within the legal scope of practical nursing under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. Use of the nursing process at the practical nursing level toward the maintenance of health and prevention of illness, the observation and nursing care of persons experiencing changes in their health processes, and the evaluation of health practices of patients are emphasized.

Classroom instruction in theory and basic nursing skills is provided on campus. Under the guidance of program faculty, students gain valuable experience in the care of all ages in a variety of health care settings and / or community agencies – hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics and child care centers. (Transportation to the community agencies is the responsibility of each student).

Acceptance in the Practical Nursing program is based on a selective admission process. In order to be considered for admission, applicants must comply with college and program admission requirements prior to March 1 for admission to the fall class and October 1 for admission to the spring class.

Progression is the Practical Nursing program is contingent upon achievement of a grade of "C" or better in each course and maintenance of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or better (on a 4.0 scale).

CPR requirements must be successfully completed prior to enrolling in the first nursing course and must be kept current throughout the program. Documentation of active status on the Medical Nurse Aide Registry or successful completion of an equivalent nursing course within the previous three years is required prior to enrolling in the first nursing course.

Note: The Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) may deny a nursing graduate admission to the NCLEX-PN Exam if an individual has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony that involves acts that bear directly on the qualifications of the graduate to practice nursing.

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
General Education		
Students must maintain at least a "C" grade in each course required in the term in order to progress in the program. Most NPN courses require a clinical rotation.		
BIO 135 **or** BIO 137 & BIO 139	Basic Anatomy & Physiology with Lab, Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II with lab (4 credits each) **Must be completed during Semester I or prior. (3 years prior time limit for BIO 139 and BIO 135)**	4 (4) (4)
ENG 101 **or** COM 181 **or** COM 252	Writing I Basic Public Speaking Interpersonal Communications	3 3 3
CIS 100	CIS 100 or equivalent computer literacy class	3
AHS 100 **or** PY 100 & PSY 223	Human Growth & Development or General Psychology & Developmental Psychology **Must be completed during Semester I or prior (3 years prior time limit for PSY 223 and AHS 100)**	2 (3) (3)
	Subtotal Credits	**12 - 20**
Technical Core		
NPN 100	Introduction to Nursing & Health Care System—Semester I	2
NPN 105	Development of the Care Giver Role---Semester I	6
NPN 110	Pharmacology I—Semester I	2
NPN 201	Child Bearing Family—Semester II	3
NPN 125	Mental Health ---Semester II	3
NPN 130	Pharmacology II—Semester II	3
NPN 135	Introduction to Health Deviations---Semester II	6
NPN 200	Med/Surg I—Semester III	5
NPN 205	Med/Surg II—Semester III	5
NPN 215	Nursing Trends and Issues—Semester III	1
NPN 210	Clinical Practicum **(Final 5-6 weeks of semester III, hours may include evenings, nights and/or week-ends)**	4
	Subtotal general education Credit Hours	**12-20**
	Total Credit Hours	**52 - 60**
Grades for general education and NPN classes: Students must maintain at least a "C" grade in each course required in the term in order to progress in the program. Most NPN courses require a clinical rotation. Clinicals may include days, evenings, nights, and/or week-ends.		

Requirements are subject to change under the direction of BCTC, KCTCS and/or approval from the Kentucky Board of Nursing.

(Courses are listed by category and not necessarily in the order to be taken)