

## Nursing - Practical Nursing

### Degrees:

<b>Diploma:</b>	Practical Nurse Track 1	45 - 57
	Practical Nurse Track 2	45 - 58
	Practical Nurse Track 3	56

<b>Certificate:</b>	Medicaid Nurse Aide	3-6
	Kentucky Medication Aide	5

### Description:

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.

Progression in 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 Medicaid Nurse Aide Registry or successful completion of an equivalent course within the previous three years is required prior to enrolling in the first nursing course. Documentation of computer literacy as defined by KCTCS 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.

**Implementation:** Spring 2012

### Competencies/Student Outcomes:

**General Education Competencies:** (Competencies will be met at the level appropriate to the credential.)

- I. Communicate Effectively
  1. Read and listen with comprehension.
  2. Speak and write clearly using standard English.
  3. Interact cooperatively with others using both verbal and non-verbal means.
  4. Demonstrate information processing through basic computer skills.
- II. Think Critically
  1. Make connections in learning across the disciplines and draw logical conclusions.
  2. Demonstrate problem solving through interpreting, analyzing, summarizing, and/or integrating a variety of materials.
  3. Use mathematics to organize, analyze, and synthesize data to solve a problem.
- III. Learn Independently
  1. Use appropriate search strategies and resources to find, evaluate, and use information.
  2. Make choices based upon awareness of ethics and differing perspectives/ideas.
  3. Apply learning in academic, personal, and public situations.
  4. Think creatively to develop new ideas, processes, or products.
- IV. Examine Relationships in Diverse and Complex Environments

1. Recognize the relationship of the individual to human heritage and culture.
2. Demonstrate an awareness of the relationship of the individual to the biological and physical environment.
3. Develop an awareness of self as an individual member of a multicultural global community.

### **Diploma: Practical Nurse**

Upon completion of the program, the graduate can:

1. Assume the role of a competent, caring practical nurse in a variety of health care settings under the direct supervision of a registered nurse, licensed physician, or dentist.
2. Use the human caring phenomena and the nursing process in providing nursing care.
3. Demonstrate self-direction and responsibility for maintaining nursing competence by pursuing personal and profession development.
4. Communicate effectively with all members of the health care team.
5. Demonstrate accountability of practice with adherence to ethical and legal standards of the profession.

### **Certificate: Medicaid Nurse Aide**

Upon completion of the program, the graduate can:

1. Demonstrate good personal habits.
2. Recognize the nurse aide's role as it fits into the organizational structure of a long-term health care facility.
3. Identify responsibilities of the nurse aide to the resident and health care team.
4. Demonstrate basic skills and techniques in performing uncomplicated nursing procedures according to the program standards.
5. Organize and administer nursing care to residents based on a plan of care and direction from charge personnel.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of resident's rights in assisting residents with their activities of daily living.
7. Demonstrate ability to assist residents in attaining and maintaining functional independence to the extent possible.
8. Demonstrate proper care for and use of equipment and supplies necessary for patient care.
9. Demonstrate sensitivity to the residents' physical, emotional, social and mental health needs through skillful, directed interactions.
10. Actively participate in the maintenance of a non-threatening, independence-conducive environment for the nursing facility resident.

### **Kentucky Medication Aide**

Upon completion of the program, the graduate can:

1. Define the role of the medication aide as it relates to the health care team.
2. Identify legal and ethical responsibilities.
3. Demonstrate an awareness of legal implications in drug administration.
4. Demonstrate the ability to correctly interpret symbols, common abbreviations, and terminology used in administration of medications.
5. Acquire and apply basic knowledge of medications, their actions, uses, and desired and adverse effects.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of proper methods for drug storage, and procedures of ordering, receiving, disposing, and crediting drugs.
7. Identify correct procedures and responsibilities relative to drug expiration date and automatic stop orders.
8. Demonstrate the correct procedures for preparing and recording medications administered, refused, or withheld.
9. Describe the structure and function of the human body, commonly occurring conditions, and the relationship of drug effects of each system.
10. Demonstrate knowledge of the changes involved in the aging processes and the needs of the long-term care resident.
11. Demonstrate an awareness of both expected and adverse effects of drugs most commonly prescribed for the long term care resident.
12. Demonstrate competency in measuring and reporting of vital signs.
13. Perform accurately and safely the techniques and procedures involved in administering medications within the prescribed scope of practice.

**Diploma  
Practical Nurse – Track 1**

**General Education:**

**Area 1 =**

TEC	200	Technical Communications OR	3
ENG	101	Writing I OR	(3)
COM	181	Basic Public Speaking OR	(3)
COM	252	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	(3)

**Area 2 =**

BIO	135	Basic Anatomy & Physiology with Laboratory OR	4
BIO	137	Human Anatomy & Physiology I AND	(4)
BIO	139	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	(4)

**Subtotal** **7-11**

**Technical Core:**

AHS	100	Human Growth & Development OR	2
PSY	110	General Psychology AND	(3)
PSY	223	Developmental Psychology	(3)

NPN	100	Introduction to Nursing & Health Care System AND	2
NPN	105	Development of Care Giver Role AND	6
NPN	110	Pharmacology I OR	2
NPN	115	*Practical Nursing Bridge Course	(6)
NPN	125	Mental Health	3
NPN	130	Pharmacology II	3
NPN	135	Introduction to Health Deviations	6
NPN	200	Med Surg I	5
NPN	201	Child Bearing Family	3
NPN	205	Med Surg II	5
NPN	210	Clinical Practicum	4
NPN	215	Nursing Trends & Issues	1

**Subtotal** **38-46**

**Total Credits:** **45-57**

\*Taken by advanced nursing assistant and allied health graduates.

**Diploma  
Practical Nurse – Track 2**

**General Education:**

**Area 1 =**

TEC	200	Technical Communications OR	3
ENG	101	Writing I OR	(3)
COM	181	Basic Public Speaking OR	(3)
COM	252	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	(3)

**Area 2 =**

BIO	135	Basic Anatomy & Physiology with Laboratory OR	4
BIO	137	Human Anatomy & Physiology I AND	(4)
BIO	139	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	(4)

**Subtotal** **7-11**

**Technical Core:**

AHS	100	Human Growth & Development OR	2
PSY	110	General Psychology AND	(3)
PSY	223	Developmental Psychology	(3)
AHS	120	Medical Terminology OR	1
AHS	115	Medical Terminology OR	(3)
CLA	131	Medical Terminology from Greek and Latin OR	(3)
MIT	103	Medical Office Terminology	(3)
NPN	101	Nursing Fundamentals AND	6
NPN	111	Pharmacology OR	3
NPN	115	*Practical Nursing Bridge Course	(6)
NPN	125	Mental Health	3
NPN	135	Introduction to Health Deviation	6
NPN	201	Child Bearing Family	3
NPN	202	Med-Surg I Alterations	6
NPN	206	Med-Surg II Alterations	6
NPN	210	Clinical Practicum	4
NPN	215	Nursing Trends & Issues	1
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>38-47</b>
		<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>45-58</b>

**Recommended Electives:**

FHM	100	Dosage Calculations	(2)
MAT	110	Applied Math	(3)
AHS	105	Introductions to Health Occupations	(3)
AHS	130	Infection Control	(2)
NSG	299	Selected Topics in Nursing: (Topic)	(1-4)

\*Taken by advanced nursing assistant and allied health graduates.

**Diploma  
Practical Nurse – Track 3**

**General Education:****Area 1 =**

ENG	101	Writing I	3
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**Area 2 =**

BIO	137	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO	139	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
MAT	110	Applied Mathematics	3
PSY	110	General Psychology	3

**Subtotal** **17**

**Technical Core:**

PSY	223	Developmental Psychology	3
AHS	115	Medical Terminology OR	3
CLA	131	Medical Terminology from Greek and Latin	(3)
NPN	106	Fundamentals of Nursing Care	6
NPN	108	Pharmacology in Nursing	3
NPN	125	Mental Health	3
NPN	140	Nursing Care I	3

NPN	201	Child Bearing Family	3
NPN	208	Nursing Care II	10
NPN	210	Clinical Practicum	4
NPN	215	Nursing Trends & Issues	1
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>39</b>
		<b>Total Credits:</b>	<b>56</b>

**Certificate  
Medicaid Nurse Aide**

MNA	100	Medicaid Nurse Aide OR	3
NAA	100	Nursing Assistant Skills I OR	(3)
NAA	125	Advanced Nursing Assistant	(6)
		<b>Total Credits:</b>	<b>3-6</b>

**Kentucky Medication Aide**

KMA	100	Kentucky Medication Aide	5
		<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>5</b>

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**Approved:**

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