



Career Certificate Practical Nursing Program Information

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Accreditation and Approval

Pensacola State College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees and certificates. Verification of accreditation may be obtained from the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or by telephone to (404) 679-4500.

The Practical Nursing program is approved by the Department of Health, Board of Nursing located at 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-02, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

The Practical Nursing program is accredited by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN) 3390 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta GA 30326
Phone: 404.975.5000, Fax: 404.975.5020, www.acenursing.org.

Department of Nursing Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Nursing is to provide quality educational opportunities for the student who is seeking to enter or advance in the nursing profession. The Department of Nursing is committed to creating a learning environment that fosters academic, personal, and professional growth by supporting the professional nursing standards of care to meet health care needs of the community.

Program Description

The career certificate in Practical Nursing prepares the student to perform safe nursing care as a practical nurse, under the direction of a Registered Nurse or a licensed physician. The 1350 clock hour program uses a combination of theoretical, simulation and hands-on instruction.

Program Goals

Certification Pass Rate:

The most recent annual pass rate will be at least 80% for all first time-test-takers on the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX).

Completion Rate:

At least 50% of all students who begin in the first nursing course in the Licensed Practical Nursing program will complete the program within 150% of the usual timeframe for the 3-term program.

Employment Rate:

At least 75% of graduates will report employment as a Practical Nurse within 6 months of graduation.

Program Objectives

Upon successful completion of the Program, the student will:

1. Demonstrate professional and leadership qualities necessary to be a team leader.
2. Demonstrate communication as both a team member and a team leader.
3. Demonstrate introductory knowledge of the nursing process and nursing as a skill related to practice.
4. Demonstrate ability to deliver quality care to assigned clients as a team member and demonstrate ability to oversee the care delivered by team members as a team leader.
5. Demonstrate ability to participate in shared planning decision making, problem solving, and goal setting by nursing, client, significant support person(s) and peers.

Special Program Requirements

Upon acceptance to the program, the student must successfully pass a criminal level II background, a 10-panel urine drug screen, and submission of a satisfactory physical examination and immunizations/vaccines.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Submission of Pensacola State College (PSC) Application
- Submit a health-related application
- High school graduate/GED
- Minimum score of 65% on each of the HESI A² components (reading, vocabulary, and math) in one sitting

PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

- "C" or better in each course of the program
- Complete and satisfy a level II background screen
- Complete and satisfy a negative drug screen
- Complete and satisfy a physical examination and the following immunizations/vaccines:
 - Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis) booster within 10 years or TD booster within 2 years
 - MMR -Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Rubella
 - Varicella (chicken pox)
 - Hepatitis B
 - Tuberculosis
 - Influenza - required annually (October-April)

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

- Earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better in all courses applicable to the program of study.
- Meet academic residence requirement of completing at least 25% of the program with classes at Pensacola State College.

Program Outline

The 1350 clock hour program accepts a new cohort each spring term and is delivered in 3 terms.

Course	Lecture Hours	Clinical Hours
Spring - Semester 1		
PRN 0098C Practical Nursing Foundations 1	150	140
PRN 0099C Practical Nursing Foundations 2	80	220
Summer – Semester 2		
PRN 0290C Medical Surgical Nursing 1	80	220
Fall – Semester 3		
PRN 0291C Medical Surgical Nursing 2	80	220
PRN 0690C Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills	40	110

Estimated Program Cost

Expenses	In-State	Alabama Residents	Out of State
Pensacola State College Application Fee (first time students)	30.00	30.00	30.00
HESI A2 Admission Exam	73.50	73.50	73.50
Tuition	3858.30	4308.30	15433.20
Lab Fee	124.00	124.00	124.00
Instructional Material	733.70	733.70	733.70
Preclinical Physical Examination, Immunizations, and Vaccines	300.00	300.00	300.00
Uniforms and Supplies (estimated cost)	275.00	275.00	275.00
Program Total	\$5394.50	\$5844.50	\$16969.40

Ready to get started?

Contact Admissions at
850-484-2544

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