

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare the graduate to provide nursing care in structured health care settings for clients of all ages who have well defined health problems with predictable outcomes. Emphasis is placed on the ability to make sound judgments based on critical thinking skills, the knowledge of scientific principles, and the ability to use technical skills in a variety of settings. Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN) to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN). The program has full approval status by the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Suite 300, Las Vegas, NV 89119, 702-486-5800; and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Apply knowledge of safe, quality, evidence-based, patient-centered nursing care in a variety of environments to diverse patient populations and cultures across the lifespan.
- Exercise clinical reasoning to promote health, as well as psychosocial and physiological integrity.
- Apply quality improvement processes to improve patient care.
- Collaborate with the interdisciplinary team, the patient, and the patient’s support persons when managing patient care.
- Apply management theories and legal, ethical, and professional standards in practice as a practical nurse.
- Maximize the use of information management systems and patient care technology to communicate, update knowledge, avoid error, and support decision making.

**PLEASE NOTE** - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (9 CREDITS)**

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (35 CREDITS)**

	CR	SEMESTER		CR	SEMESTER
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> MATH 104B or 120 or above (except MATH 122, 123)	3	_____	HHP 123B* Introduction to the Human Body	4	_____
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b> ENG 100 or 101 or 113	3-5	_____	HHP 124B* Introduction to the Human Body Computer Lab	1	_____
<b>HUMAN RELATIONS</b> PSY 101	3	_____	HIT 117B Medical Terminology I	1	_____
			PN 100L Practical Nursing Learning Lab	1	_____
			PN 101B Introduction to Practical Nursing	2	_____
			PN 103B Gerontological Health Care	2	_____
			PN 104B Practical Nursing Fundamentals	5	_____
			PN 105B Practical Nursing I	5	_____
			PN 106B Family Nursing	3	_____
			PN 108B Practical Nursing II	4	_____
			PN 110B Practical Nursing Seminar/ Management Concepts	4	_____
			PN 125B Pharmacology for Practical Nursing Practice	3	_____

**Other Requirements**

Completion of an approved nursing assistant course and current nursing assistant certification in Nevada by the start of the 3rd semester.

Computation included in MATH 104B, 120 or above  
(except MATH 122, 123)

Human Relations included in PSY 101

\*BIOL 223 and 224 would be accepted in lieu of HHP 123B and HHP 124B.

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
  - Course numbers with the “H” suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit [www.csn.edu/honors](http://www.csn.edu/honors).
  - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
  - Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.
  - This is a limited-entry program. Some of these courses are program prerequisites and MUST be completed before a student is considered eligible for entry into the Program. Students MUST attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement.



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The following is a suggested pathway, or course sequence by term, for this academic program. The following factors may affect the time it takes to complete the pathway as listed:

- The term (fall, spring, summer) in which the student enters the program because class availability varies by term.
- Where the student placed in the Math and English course sequence (i.e. taking courses below 100) and completion of course pre-requisites.
- Meeting with the student's designated program counselor or advisor to determine academic readiness to succeed in a particular course. Use of appropriate services (writing center, math resource center, etc.) may be in order to support successful course completion.

First Semester <sup>1</sup>	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
<i>CNA Certification</i>	<i>NURS 130 Nursing Assistant<sup>2</sup></i>	(6)	
Special Program Requirements	HHP 123B Introduction to the Human Body <sup>3</sup>	4	
	HHP 124B Introduction to the Human Body Computer Lab <sup>3</sup>	1	
	PN 100L Practical Nursing Learning Lab	1	
	<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>6 (12)</b>	
Second Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
Gen. Ed Mathematics Requirement	MATH 104B or 120 or above (except 122, 123)	3	
Gen. Ed. Communications Requirement	ENG 100 or 101 or 113	3-5	
Gen. Ed. Human Relations Requirement	PSY 101 General Psychology	3	
Special Program Requirements	HIT 117B Medical Terminology I	1	
	PN 101B Introduction to Practical Nursing	2	
	<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>12-14</b>	
Third Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
Special Program Requirements	PN 103B Gerontological Health Care	2	
	PN 104B Practical Nursing Fundamentals	5	
	PN 105B Practical Nursing I	5	
	PN 125B Pharmacology for Practical Nursing Practice	3	
	<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>15</b>	
Fourth Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
Special Program Requirements	PN 106B Family Nursing	3	
	PN 108B Practical Nursing II	4	
	PN 110B Practical Nursing Seminar/Management Concepts	4	
	<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>11</b>	
	<b>Pathway Course Total</b>	<b>44(50) - 46(52)</b>	
	<b>Certificate Total</b>	<b>44</b>	

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<sup>1</sup>Prior to starting courses take English and Math placement examinations. Attend a Health Sciences Orientation. Take TEAS exam. Attend Limited Entry Orientation and apply for Practical Nursing Program.

<sup>2</sup>Completion of an approved nursing assistant course and current nursing assistant certification in Nevada by the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester. Recommended that this be completed the first semester.

<sup>3</sup>BIOL 223 and BIOL 224 would be accepted in lieu of HHP 123B and HHP 124B.

Interview with ADN Program Director regarding Bridge option to Registered Nurse. Start RN Program at completion of program.

**NOTE:** First three months after graduation:

- Take NCLEX-PN prep course (Optional).
- Take NCLEX-PN Exam – Required for licensure.