



PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

Certificate

About the Program

The Practical Nursing program is designed to prepare graduates to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) and obtain employment as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). The program provides the student with knowledge and skills to function as an integral health care provider. Nursing is a dynamic career with multiple opportunities for employment and growth.

Employment

Nurses are employed in many settings including hospitals, clinics, occupational health facilities, and long-term care facilities. The current nursing shortage is critical and will be increasing. With the world population living longer and needing more care, nursing is one of the best places to get a job and will remain so for a long time to come.

Application Process and Information

Minimum admission standards for the Practical Nursing Program include:

1. Unconditional admission to the college.
2. Receipt of completed application for the Practical Nursing program.
3. Applications are accepted on a time limited basis. See our website for acceptable application date (www.calhoun.edu).
4. A minimum of 2.50 cumulative GPA for students with previous college work.
5. A minimum of 2.50 high school GPA for students without prior college work (GED acceptable in lieu of high school transcript).
6. Eligibility for English 101 and Math 116 as determined by college policy.
7. Good standing with the college.
8. Meeting the essential functions or technical standards required for nursing.
9. A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS Reading Examination (or related ACT Reading Score of 17 or higher).

Estimated Costs

Tuition at Calhoun Community College is among the lowest in the area. Tuition information is available through the Calhoun website at www.calhoun.edu. Additional costs involve books, fees, transportation to and from class, and supplies. The Office of Student Financial Services has information on grants, scholarships, work study, and loans.

Contact Information

Admission to the program is by selection due to limited space. For more information or an application, please contact the Nursing Department Secretary at 256-306-2794. Application packets are available on our website at <http://www.calhoun.edu/distance/Internet/Hped/Nursing/prospectiv.html>

Standard Practical Nurse Curriculum

FIRST TERM

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
Mathematical Requirement MTH 116 or Higher Level	3	-	-	3	3
Human Anatomy and Physiology I BIO 201	3	1	-	4	5
Fundamentals of Nursing NUR 102	3	2	1	6	12
Health Assessment NUR 103	-	1	-	1	3
Introduction to Pharmacology NUR 104	-	1	-	1	3
Term Total	9	5	1	15	26

SECOND TERM

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
English ENG 101	3	-	-	3	3
Human Anatomy and Physiology II BIO 202	3	1	-	4	5
Adult Nursing NUR 105	5	1	2	8	14
Maternal and Child Nursing NUR 106	4	-	1	5	7
Term Total	15	2	3	20	29

THIRD TERM

Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credit	Contact
Adult/Child Nursing NUR 107	5	-	3	8	14
Psychosocial Nursing NUR 108	2	-	1	3	5
Role Transition for the Practical Nurse NUR 109	2	1	-	3	5
Term Total	9	1	4	14	24

Program Totals

Credit Hours: 49 Hours

Contact Hours: 1101 Hours

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