



PRACTICAL NURSING

Itasca Community College

Award: Diploma
Length: 45 semester credits
Delivery: 2 Semesters (Face-to-Face or Web-enhanced Delivery)

Program Information: The Practical Nursing Program provides carefully selected course instruction (lectures, demonstrations, discussions, computers, etc.) in a face-to-face or web-enhanced delivery and clinical practice (at community health care facilities) which enables the student to meet the basic needs of patients and function as a practical nurse.

Application/Acceptance: Students must apply and be accepted to ICC and the Practical Nursing program. Nursing applications may be submitted (application found on the Itasca website at <http://www.itascacc.edu/academics/area-of-study/practical-nursing.html>) starting September 1 for the following year. There is a priority deadline date of February 28 each year for the following fall semester start. Applications received on or before February 28 are given priority status, contingent upon successful completion of all pre-program requirements. All applicants will be placed in a D2L Application Portal "course" that provides further information and allows for tracking of progress. Watch for instructions emailed to your ICC email account. If more priority applicants apply than space available, the criteria of TEAS test score (percentage) ranking highest to lowest, will be applied. A minimum score of 50 is required on the TEAS test. Students will be notified by letter of their acceptance. Applicants beyond capacity will be placed on a waiting list in ranked position as alternates. If the program and sections are not filled, applicants will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the program has reached capacity or June 30, whichever comes first. After June 30, students will only be accepted on a case-by-case basis by the program director. Accepted students and alternates will be notified of a mandatory May meeting to review requirements that need to be completed over the summer, including MN Dept. of Health Background Study and health/immunization requirements for clinicals.

Pre-Program Requirements – 12 credits

Biol	2101	Anatomy and Physiology I	4 cr	Psyc	1201	Human Growth & Development	3 cr
Biol	2102	Anatomy and Physiology II	4 cr	PRNU	1202	Medical Terminology I	1 cr
				PRNU	1302	Medical Terminology II (optional)	1 cr

Additional Requirements

Alternate ICC Course Options

Nursing Assistant – All students must be current on the MN registry. If not currently working as a nursing assistant, students must have taken a MN Department of Health approved NA course and passed the test within 3 years.	PRNU	1104	Nursing Assistant / Home Health Aide		
CPR (BLS for the Healthcare Provider) All students are required to be certified prior to entering Semester I and must remain continuously certified throughout Semester II.	Hlth	2101	CPR and First Aid		
Accuplacer Test					
Elementary Algebra	≥ 76	Math	0091	Beginning Algebra OR	
Intermediate Algebra	≥ 40	Math	0092	Elementary Algebra	
		Engl	0091	Fundamentals of Written English	
Reading	≥ 78	READ	0092	Analytical College Reading	
Computer Placement Test	Computer Skills	≥ 60	CSCI	1100	Beginning Computing
TEAS Test					
Achieve a score of Basic (>50%) on the TEAS V exam. A student has 2 attempts per year to achieve the cut score.					
Note: There is a fee for the TEAS exam that is not covered by financial aid.					

Program Requirements

Fall Semester				Spring Semester			
PRNU	1205	Health Needs for All Ages I	4	PRNU	2206	Health Needs for All Ages II	4
PRNU	1204	Pharmacology I	2	PRNU	2207	Psychosocial Aspects of Nursing (Block I)	2
PRNU	1208	Maternal/Child Nursing	2	PRNU	2204	Pharmacology II	2
PRNU	1210	Nursing Skills I (2 contact hours to 1 credit ratio)	3	PRNU	2209	Role Transition (Block II)	1
PRNU	1211	Clinical I (2 contact hours to 1 credit ratio)	5	PRNU	2210	Nursing Skills II (2 contact hours to 1 credit ratio)	1
PRNU	1212	SimLab: Nursing basics (2 contact hours to 1 credit ratio)	1	PRNU	2211	Clinical II (2 contact hours to 1 credit ratio)	4
				PRNU	2221	Integrated Practicum (2 to 1 ratio)	2
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Students are required to take ATI Content Mastery Exams on campus (ICC or RRCC) as part of course work and participate in the ATI 3-day Live Review at the end of the year. This is part of the Integrated Practicum course.

Continuation in Program: The Practical Nursing faculty determines progress standards for students in the program. A copy of these requirements is distributed to students at the beginning of the program. **Courses each semester must be completed with an overall 80% or higher to continue to the next semester.**

Career Option: Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council License examination for Licensed Practical Nursing. Licensed Practical Nurses are now employed in hospitals, clinics, schools, industry, nursing homes, private homes and home care agencies, and the armed services.

Accreditation: This program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and is seeking accreditation with the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA).

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