

Practical Nursing

32-credit Technical Diploma

About the Program

The Practical Nursing Technical Diploma program provides a challenging system-wide curriculum that prepares students to take the licensing exam to become a practical nurse. Gain knowledge and skills that are essential in the current health care delivery system. A foundation in communication and science permits theory-based progression through clinical nursing courses that provide clinical experience in institutional and community-based settings. The emphasis in the curriculum is on diversity, individuality and caring. In addition, the program encourages commitment to lifelong learning and continuous personal and professional development. LPNs will be ready to participate in a variety of activities under the supervision of a registered nurse, or under the direction of a physician, podiatrist or dentist.

This program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY, 10006; 1.800.669.1656.

Potential Job Titles

- Licensed Practical Nurse

Credit Transfer

Graduates of this program who become a Licensed Practical Nurse are eligible for participation in the LPN-ADN articulation process designed for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) in Wisconsin. This process provides the LPN entry with advanced standing into an Associate Degree Nursing program in Wisconsin. More information is available from a WCTC program counselor or the Admissions Office.

Required Courses

Credits

First Semester

543-301	Nursing Fundamentals	2
543-302	Nursing Skills	3
543-303	Nursing Pharmacology	2
543-304	Intro Clinical Practice	2
801-195	Written Communication	3+
806-177	Gen Anatomy & Physiology	4+
809-188	Developmental Psychology	3
Total semester credits		19

Second Semester

543-305	Nursing Health Alterations	3
543-306	Nursing Health Promotion	3
543-307	Clinical Care Across Lifespan	2
543-308	Intro Clinical Care Mgt	2
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3+
Total semester credits		13

+ Proficiency exam available

A grade point of 2.0 (C) or better is required in all courses to complete the program.

Curriculum is current as of catalog printing. The most current curriculum requirements for graduation will be provided upon admission to program, or review at www.wctc.edu.

Admission Process

- Fill out a WCTC application
- Send \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Send high school transcript or GED/HSED
- Send any previous college transcripts
- Complete Skills Assessment test (COMPASS)
- Begin pursuing Financial Aid options
- Schedule an informational meeting with program counselor
- Must complete formal training as a Nursing Assistant and be certified in Health Care Provider CPR to be eligible for admission into clinical nursing courses.

For more information, call 262.691.5200.

Practical Nursing Required Courses

543-301 Nursing Fundamentals 2

Learn the basic nursing concepts needed to provide care to diverse patient populations. Within the scope of nursing practice, explore current and historical issues that impact the job. Examine the nursing process as a framework for organizing the care of patients with alterations in cognition, elimination, comfort, grief and loss, mobility, integument, and fluid/electrolyte balance.
Prerequisites: Admission to PN program and 806-177 Gen Anatomy & Physiology (or concurrent) or 806-131 Anatomy and Physiology (or concurrent)

543-302 Nursing Skills 3

Develop clinical and physical assessment skills while studying mathematical calculations and conversions, blood pressure assessment, aseptic technique, wound care, oxygen administration, tracheotomy care, suctioning, enteral tube management, basic medication administration, glucose testing, enemas, ostomy care, and catheterization. Learn techniques for obtaining a health history and how to use a body systems approach for basic physical assessment.
Prerequisites: Admission to PN program or LPN License; and 806-177 Gen Anatomy & Physiology (or concurrent) or 806-131 Anatomy and Physiology (or concurrent)

543-303 Nursing Pharmacology 2

Become familiar with the principles of pharmacology, including drug classifications and effects on the body. Explore the use of the nursing process when administering medications.
Prerequisites: Admission to PN program and 806-177 Gen Anatomy & Physiology (or concurrent) or 806-131 Anatomy and Physiology (or concurrent)

543-304 Intro Clinical Practice 2

Apply the nursing process in meeting the needs of diverse clients, and maintain an emphasis on performing basic nursing skills, forming nurse-client relationships, and practicing communication, data collection, documentation, and medication administration.
Prerequisites: 543-301 Nursing Fundamentals (or concurrent) and 543-302 Nursing Skills (or concurrent) and 543-303 Nursing Pharmacology (or concurrent)

543-305 Nursing Health Alterations 3

Apply theories of nursing to the care of clients. Study conditions affecting different body systems, and apply therapeutic nursing interventions. Examine the concepts of leadership, team building, and scope of practice.
Prerequisites: 543-301 Nursing Fundamentals and 543-302 Nursing Skills and 543-303 Nursing Pharmacology and 543-304 Nsg: Intro Clinical Practice and 806-177 Gen Anatomy & Physiology or 806-131 Anatomy and Physiology

543-306 Nursing Health Promotion 3

Discuss nursing care for the developing family, including topics such as reproductive issues, pregnancy, labor and delivery, post-partum, the newborn, and the child. Apply mental health principles to discern patterns associated with adaptive and maladaptive behaviors. Learn to teach and support healthy family lifestyle choices, and examine the concepts of nutrition, exercise, stress management, empowerment, and risk reduction. Study the family through concepts of dynamics, functions, discipline styles, and stages of development.
Prerequisites: 543-301 Nursing Fundamentals and 543-302 Nursing Skills and 543-303 Nursing Pharmacology and 543-304 Nsg: Intro Clinical Practice and 809-188 Developmental Psychology and 806-177 Gen Anatomy & Physiology or 806-131 Anatomy and Physiology

543-307 Clin Care Across Lifespan 2

Apply nursing concepts and therapeutic interventions to clients across the lifespan, and focus on extending care to the family. Become familiar with the concepts of teaching and learning.
Prerequisites: 543-306 Nursing Health Promotion (or concurrent)

543-308 Intro Clinical Care Mgt 2

Use nursing concepts and therapeutic nursing interventions with groups of clients. Explore leadership, management, and team-building principles.
Prerequisites: 543-305 Nursing Health Alterations (or concurrent)

801-195 Written Communication 3

Study and practice the transfer of information, ideas, and experiences in written form through reports, letters, memoranda, and other documents. Gain proficiency in the areas of organization, clarity, accuracy, and directness.
Prerequisites: COMPASS-Writing Skills or ACT-English or ASSET-Writing Skills or Accuplacer Sentence Skills or TABE Advanced Language or 831-103 Intro to College Writing or 851-771 Writing-Program Readiness

801-196 Oral/Interpersonal Comm 3

Practice the necessary skills for effective speech delivery, listening, assertiveness, conflict resolution, teamwork, and general interpersonal communication.

806-177 Gen Anatomy & Physiology 4

Examine basic concepts of human anatomy and physiology as they relate to the health sciences. Use a body systems approach to discover the interrelationships between structure and function at the gross and microscopic levels of organization in the entire human body. Develop the ability as a health care professional to apply the basic concepts of whole body anatomy and physiology to decision making and professional communication with colleagues and patients.
Prerequisites: 806-124 Introduction to Chemistry or 806-178 Life Science Chemistry or High School chemistry or College Chemistry; and COMPASS-Reading Skills or 858-775 Reading - Program Readiness or 838-105 Intro Reading & Study Skills or TABE Advanced Reading or Accuplacer Reading Comprehensi or College Proficiency - Reading or Grandfathered Rdg Requirement or ACT-Reading

809-188 Developmental Psychology 3

Examine, physical, mental, emotional and social development through the lifespan (infancy through old age). Discuss significant issues at each season of the life and apply this knowledge to personal and occupational settings.
Prerequisites: COMPASS-Reading Skills or 858-775 Reading - Program Readiness or 838-105 Intro Reading & Study Skills or TABE Advanced Reading or Accuplacer Reading Comprehensive or College Proficiency - Reading or Grandfathered Rdg Requirement or ACT-Reading