

PART IIIB –DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

CURRICULA

Practical Nurse Education Program (Diploma Program)

Objective

This professional education program is designed to provide quality nursing to meet the needs of the region and the state. The high quality of theoretical and clinical education ensures the Practical Nurse student opportunities to develop as a nurse and as an individual while practicing in various settings and ensures the student possesses the ability to meet and exceed employer expectations in the job market. The PN program is 45 weeks. The 45 weeks does not include breaks and holidays.

Due to current challenges in the clinical environment, there may be changes to the number of clinical hours earned in each clinical course. While every attempt is made to maintain hours as stated in the college catalog/student handbooks, students may receive less or more hours in any given clinical course. Nursing Administration reserves the right to make the changes to clinical course hours as needed, while continuing to meet the clinical course objectives. Students must meet the regulatory requirements of hours (AAS-500, PN-400) before graduation to apply to their Board of Nursing.

The Practical Nurse Education Program is approved by Virginia Board of Nursing, COE, and SCHEV. The Practical Nurse education program is not required to have a national programmatic accreditation.

Length of Program: Day or Evening School, 45 Weeks

COURSE	TITLE	Credit Hours	CONTACT HOURS			
			Lecture	Lab	Clinical	
CORE PROGRAM COURSES						
Sem 1	PN105	Trends in Nursing	2	42	0	0
	PN115	Anatomy and Physiology	4	60	12	0
	PN125	Nutrition	1	29	0	0
	PN135	Nursing Skills Theory	6	80	40	0
	PN139	Nursing Skills Clinical	1	0	0	82
SEMESTER TOTALS			14	211	52	82
Sem.2	PN167	Pharmacology	5	84	20	0
	PN175	Medical Surgical Theory I	11	150	30	0
	PN179	Medical Surgical Clinical I	2	0	0	130
SEMESTER TOTALS			18	234	50	130
Seme 3	PN203	Maternity Nursing with clinical component	2	30	15	16
	PN223	Pediatric Nursing with clinical component	2	30	15	32
	PN233	Psychiatric Nursing with clinical component	2	30	0	24
	PN236	Medical Surgical Theory II	5	75	20	0
	PN239	Medical Surgical Clinical II	2	0	0	116
SEMESTER TOTALS			13	165	50	188
PROGRAM TOTALS			45	610	152	400
GRAND TOTALS			45	CREDITS:		400
					HOURS:	1162

Practical Nurse Education Program, cont.

Tuition:	\$22,000
Books:	2,400
Student Fees:	1,500
Application:	100
Testing/Technology/Facilities Fee:	250
Total Program Cost:	\$26,250

Nursing Program Out of Pocket Expenses. Students should expect \$500-\$1000 in out-of-pocket expenses. These expenses will greatly vary for each student depending on individual circumstances

Supplies and Clinical Requirements	Cost (at the minimum and will vary per student)
Laptop	\$500 (See Technical Requirements)
Castlebranch	\$129
Scrub top	\$20
Scrub pants	\$20
Lab jacket	\$25
Nursing Shoes or solid white tennis shoes	\$50-\$80
Watch with second hand	\$30
Solid white crew socks	\$11
Black ink pens	\$3
Black nursing folding clipboard	\$24
Clinical scrub pants	\$20
MMR vaccine (will need a total of 2 vaccines)	*Cost may vary
Varicella vaccine (will need a total of 2 vaccines)	*Cost may vary
Hepatitis B (will need a total of 3 vaccines)	*Cost may vary
PPD	*Cost may vary
TDAP	*Cost may vary
CPR (American Heart BLS only)	\$85
Professional liability	*Cost may vary
Flu vaccine (only needed September-March)	*Cost may vary

*See student handbook/catalog for vaccination requirements. Cost will vary dependent on student's insurance coverage and facility used. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) may offer vaccinations at a low or no cost.

Prospective students should contact the nursing department for any questions regarding any specific needs.

NCLEX Pass Rates by Year – PN

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
100%	83%	84%	92%	79%

Graduate Employment Rate by Year – PN

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
96	88%	82%	85%	75%	93%	89%

Students should be aware that the background check and drug screen results that they submitted prior to enrollment are good for 18 months only. Students who take a Leave of Absence or withdraw with the intent to re-enroll into the program must undergo both the background check and drug screen again if their enrollment will extend past the original 18 month window.

Entrance Test Required.