

PRACTICAL NURSING

Diploma, 45 Credit Hours, 14-Month Program

The mission of the Practical Nursing program is to provide graduates with the knowledge, skills, attitude, and integrity to provide safe, prudent, and patient-centered care necessary to prepare them to successfully complete the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN) and become employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's) are an important member of the healthcare team, and, in many settings, including long-term care, medical offices and transitional care, their role has expanded to include IV therapy and supervision. The Practical Nursing program stresses the importance of incorporating a variety of experiences including lecture, lab, and clinical hours to ensure graduates have the knowledge, skills, and experiences needed to be successful after graduation.

Students considering the Practical Nursing program are required to fulfill additional requirements before entering technical program courses. Please refer to the Practical Nursing Application Process or contact the Practical Nursing Administrative Assistant.

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
CIS 105	MICROCOMPUTER SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS I	3
ENGL 101	COMPOSITION* <i>or</i>	3
ENGL 106	WORKPLACE COMMUNICATIONS I*	
MATH 101	INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA** <i>or higher</i>	3
PSYC 101	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY <i>or</i>	3
PSYC 103	HUMAN RELATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE	
HC 114	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS	3
	Total	15
Technical Requirements		
NRS 100	FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS LAB	1
NRS 105	FUNDAMENTAL NURSING PRACTICE I	3
NRS 110	FUNDAMENTAL NURSING PRACTICE II	2
NRS 115	FUNDAMENTAL NURSING PRACTICE III	2
NRS 121	FUNDAMENTAL NURSING CLINICAL I & II	4
NRS 130	FUNDAMENTAL NURSING CLINICAL III	1
NRS 135	TRANSITIONAL NURSING	2
NRS 200	ADVANCED SKILLS LAB	1
NRS 205	ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE I	3
NRS 210	ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE II	2
NRS 215	ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE III	2
NRS 221	ADVANCED NURSING CLINICAL I & II	4
NRS 230	ADVANCED NURSING CLINICAL III	1
NRS 235	ADVANCED NURSING CLINICAL IV	2
	Total	30

* Prerequisite: Acceptable ACCUPLACER score or Basic Writing.

** Prerequisite: Acceptable ACCUPLACER score or Basic Math/Elementary Algebra.

Clinicals, practicums, and internships may include, but are not limited to, differential shifts (evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays) to meet industry expectations. This may require travel outside the Rapid City area.

Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended this program can be found at wdt.edu/gainful-employment.

Semester Breakdown for Option 1

General Education Requirements must be completed before enrolling in NRS Technical Courses. Required General Education courses are offered in the Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters. Students must hold a current CNA certification or receive a C or better in HC 124 and HC 126 before entering NRS Technical Courses.				CR	
CIS 105	Microcomputer Software Applications I			3	
ENGL 101	Composition <i>or</i>			3	
ENGL 106	Workplace Communications I				
MATH 101	Intermediate Algebra <i>or higher</i>			3	
PSYC 101	General Psychology <i>or</i>			3	
PSYC 103	Human Relations in the Workplace				
HC 114	Anatomy & Physiology for the Health Professions			3	
Total Credit Hours				15	
Fall Semester		CR	Spring Semester		CR
NRS 100	Fundamental Skills Lab	1	NRS 200	Advanced Skills Lab	1
NRS 105	Fundamental Nursing Practice I	3	NRS 205	Advanced Nursing Practice I	3
NRS 110	Fundamental Nursing Practice II	2	NRS 210	Advanced Nursing Practice II	2
NRS 115	Fundamental Nursing Practice III	2	NRS 215	Advanced Nursing Practice III	2
NRS 121	Fundamental Nursing Clinical I & II	4	NRS 221	Advanced Nursing Clinical I & II	4
NRS 130	Fundamental Nursing Clinical III	1	NRS 230	Advanced Nursing Clinical III	1
NRS 135	Transitional Nursing	2	NRS 235	Advanced Nursing Clinical IV	2
Total Credit Hours		15	Total Credit Hours		15

Semester Breakdown for Option 2

General Education Requirements must be completed before enrolling in NRS Technical Courses. Required General Education courses are offered in the Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters. Students must hold a current CNA certification or receive a C or better in HC 124 and HC 126 before entering NRS Technical Courses.				CR	
CIS 105	Microcomputer Software Applications I			3	
ENGL 101	Composition <i>or</i>			3	
ENGL 106	Workplace Communications I				
MATH 101	Intermediate Algebra <i>or higher</i>			3	
PSYC 101	General Psychology <i>or</i>			3	
PSYC 103	Human Relations in the Workplace				
HC 114	Anatomy & Physiology for the Health Professions			3	
Total Credit Hours				15	
Spring Semester		CR	Fall Semester		CR
NRS 100	Fundamental Skills Lab	1	NRS 200	Advanced Skills Lab	1
NRS 105	Fundamental Nursing Practice I	3	NRS 205	Advanced Nursing Practice I	3
NRS 110	Fundamental Nursing Practice II	2	NRS 210	Advanced Nursing Practice II	2
NRS 115	Fundamental Nursing Practice III	2	NRS 215	Advanced Nursing Practice III	2
NRS 121	Fundamental Nursing Clinical I & II	4	NRS 221	Advanced Nursing Clinical I & II	4
NRS 130	Fundamental Nursing Clinical III	1	NRS 230	Advanced Nursing Clinical III	1
NRS 135	Transitional Nursing	2	NRS 235	Advanced Nursing Clinical IV	2
Total Credit Hours		15	Total Credit Hours		15