

# WESTERN DAKOTA TECH

## 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. Students in the second semester technical courses of the Practical Nursing program must successfully meet benchmark scores on the required exit exam in order to graduate. Please refer to the Practical Nursing Application Process or contact the Practical Nursing Program Director.

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
CIS 105	MICROCOMPUTER SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS I	3
ENGL 101	COMPOSITION*	3
HC 114	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS	3
MATH 101	INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA** <i>or higher</i>	3
PSYC 101	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Technical Requirements</b>		
NRS 101	SKILLS LAB I & II	2
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 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
NRS 240	TRANSITION TO PRACTICAL NURSING	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

\* 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.

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## Semester Breakdown for Diploma Option 1- Rapid City, Philip, & Whitewood Campuses

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				3
HC 114	Anatomy & Physiology for the Health Professions				3
MATH 101	Intermediate Algebra <i>or higher</i>				3
PSYC 101	General Psychology				3
Total Credit Hours					15
Fall Semester		CR	Spring Semester		CR
NRS 101	Skills Lab I & II	2	NRS 205	Advanced Nursing Practice I	3
NRS 105	Fundamental Nursing Practice I	3	NRS 210	Advanced Nursing Practice II	2
NRS 110	Fundamental Nursing Practice II	2	NRS 215	Advanced Nursing Practice III	2
NRS 115	Fundamental Nursing Practice III	2	NRS 221	Advanced Nursing Clinical I & II	4
NRS 121	Fundamental Nursing Clinical I & II	4	NRS 230	Advanced Nursing Clinical III	1
NRS 130	Fundamental Nursing Clinical III	1	NRS 235	Advanced Nursing Clinical IV	2
			NRS 240	Transition to Practical Nursing	2
Total Credit Hours		14	Total Credit Hours		16

## Semester Breakdown for Diploma Option 2- Rapid City Campus Only

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				3	
HC 114	Anatomy & Physiology for the Health Professions				3	
MATH 101	Intermediate Algebra <i>or higher</i>				3	
PSYC 101	General Psychology				3	
Total Credit Hours					15	
Spring Semester			CR	Fall Semester		CR
NRS 101	Skills Lab I & II	2		NRS 205	Advanced Nursing Practice I	3
NRS 105	Fundamental Nursing Practice I	3		NRS 210	Advanced Nursing Practice II	2
NRS 110	Fundamental Nursing Practice II	2		NRS 215	Advanced Nursing Practice III	2
NRS 115	Fundamental Nursing Practice III	2		NRS 221	Advanced Nursing Clinical I & II	4
NRS 121	Fundamental Nursing Clinical I & II	4		NRS 230	Advanced Nursing Clinical III	1
NRS 130	Fundamental Nursing Clinical III	1		NRS 235	Advanced Nursing Clinical IV	2
				NRS 240	Transition to Practical Nursing	2
Total Credit Hours			14	Total Credit Hours		16

If you are or have been convicted, pleaded guilty or no contest to, or received a suspended imposition of sentence for a felony or certain misdemeanors, you are advised that you may not be able to complete all course requirements for your chosen program, you may be prevented from taking required certification/licensure examinations in your chosen program field, and you may be prevented from gaining employment in your program field.

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