

WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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 Program Director.

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Prerequisite Requirements		
ENGL 101	COMPOSITION I*	3
HC 114	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS	3
HC 213	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY I	3
MATH 101	INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA** <i>or higher</i>	3
PSYC 101	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
	Total	15
Technical Requirements		
NRS 101	SKILLS LAB I & II	2
NRS 106	FOUNDATIONS IN PRACTICAL NURSING	3
NRS 111	INTRODUCTION TO PHARMACOLOGY & PATHOPHYSIOLOGY	2
NRS 122	ADULT HEALTH CLINICAL I	4
NRS 132	MENTAL HEALTH NURSING FOR THE PRACTICAL NURSE	3
NRS 201	SKILLS LAB III	1
NRS 206	MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING FOR THE PRACTICAL NURSE	3
NRS 211	PHARMACOLOGY FOR THE PRACTICAL NURSE	2
NRS 222	ADULT HEALTH CLINICAL II	4
NRS 232	MATERNAL-CHILD NURSING FOR THE PRACTICAL NURSE	3
NRS 236	PRACTICAL NURSING PRECEPTORSHIP	2
NRS 241	TRANSITION TO PRACTICAL NURSING	1
	Total	30

* Prerequisite: Acceptable ACCUPLACER score or Basic Writing.

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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.

Professional licensure and certification requirements often vary from state to state. Educational requirements by state for this program can be found <https://www.wdt.edu/degree-programs/practical-nursing/>.

[Required steps to obtain the credential of the Practical Nursing Program.\(PDF\).](#)

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Semester Breakdown for Diploma Option 1- Hot Springs, Rapid City, & Whitewood Campuses

Prerequisite Requirements must be completed with a C for better before enrolling in NRS Technical Courses. Prerequisite required 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		
ENGL 101	Composition I		3		
HC 114	Anatomy & Physiology for the Health Professions		3		
HC 213	Medical Terminology I		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 201	Skills Lab III	1
NRS 106	Foundations of Practical Nursing	3	NRS 206	Medical-Surgical Nursing for the Practical Nurse	3
NRS 111	Introduction of Pharmacology & Pathophysiology	2	NRS 211	Pharmacology for the Practical Nurse	2
NRS 122	Adult Health Clinical I	4	NRS 222	Adult Health Clinical II	4
NRS 132	Mental Health Nursing for the Practical Nurse	3	NRS 232	Maternal-Child Nursing for the Practical Nurse	3
			NRS 236	Practical Nursing Preceptorship	2
			NRS 241	Transition to Practical Nursing	1
Total Credit Hours			14	Total Credit Hours	
				16	

Semester Breakdown for Diploma Option 2- Rapid City & Philip Campuses

Prerequisite Requirements must be completed with a C for better before enrolling in NRS Technical Courses. Prerequisite required 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		
ENGL 101	Composition I		3		
HC 114	Anatomy & Physiology for the Health Professions		3		
HC 213	Medical Terminology I		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 201	Skills Lab III	1
NRS 106	Foundations of Practical Nursing	3	NRS 206	Medical-Surgical Nursing for the Practical Nurse	3
NRS 111	Introduction of Pharmacology & Pathophysiology	2	NRS 211	Pharmacology for the Practical Nurse	2
NRS 122	Adult Health Clinical I	4	NRS 222	Adult Health Clinical II	4
NRS 132	Mental Health Nursing for the Practical Nurse	3	NRS 232	Maternal-Child Nursing for the Practical Nurse	3
			NRS 236	Practical Nursing Preceptorship	2
			NRS 241	Transition to Practical Nursing	1
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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