

# PRACTICAL NURSING

## Career Cluster

Program Title:	Practical Nursing
Career Cluster:	Health Science
Program Number:	H170605
CIP Number:	0317.040500
Length of Program:	1350 Hours

## Mission

The mission of this program is to prepare students for employment as licensed practical nurses and to ensure that every student meets the minimum requirements for safe practice.

The program is approved by the Florida State Board of Nursing so the graduate may take the examination to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. The content includes theoretical instruction and clinical experience in medical, surgical, obstetric, pediatric, and geriatric nursing; theoretical instruction and clinical experience in both acute and long term care situations; theoretical instruction and clinical application of vocational role and function; personal, family and community health concepts; nutrition; human growth and development over the life span; body structure and function; interpersonal relationship skills, mental health concepts; pharmacology and administration of medications; legal aspects of practice; Basic Life Support (BLS) course C, CPR for Healthcare provider or equivalent and current issues in nursing. Clinical experience should make up or least 50% of the total program. The Health Careers Core must be taken by all students (secondary, postsecondary adult and postsecondary vocational) planning to complete any Health Occupations program. Once successfully completed, the core does not need to be repeated at any instructional level.

This program focuses on broad, transferable skills and stresses understanding and demonstration of the following elements of the health care industry; planning, management, finance, technical and production skills, underlying principles of technology, labor issues, community issues and health, safety, and environmental issues.

## Program Structure

Reinforcement of basic skills in English, mathematics, and science appropriate for the job preparatory programs occurs through vocational classroom instruction and applied laboratory procedures or practice.

## Laboratory Activities

Simulated practice and clinical experiences are included as an integral part of this program.

## Admission Requirements

The applicant must have a high school transcript, completed at least four years of high school or its equivalent (GED) and be 18 years old. The applicant must have physical clearance from a qualified physician and current CPR card. Dependability must be supported by three work or school references. The applicant must score 12.9 on math, 12.9 on language, and 12.9 on reading on the TABE test and a minimum proficiency of Math ? 60% and Reading ? 50% on the Nursing Entrance Exam or NET. The NET exam is offered at a cost of \$23.00 to the applicant and can be scheduled at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Monday ? Friday. Please call student service to schedule a testing session.

## OCP Program Structure Table

The following table illustrates the program structure:			
OCP	Course #	Course Title	Length
A	HSC0003	Basic Healthcare Worker	90 Hours
B	HCP0121	Nurse Aide and Orderly (Articulated)	75 Hours
C	PRN0091	Practical Nurse (1 of 4)	300 Hours
D	PRN0092	Practical Nurse (2 of 4)	300 Hours
E	PRN0093	Practical Nurse (3 of 4)	300 Hours
F	PRN0095	Practical Nurse (4 of 4)	285 Hours