

# PRACTICAL NURSING

Health Career Admissions  
Program Code: G.NUR.CER

## Certificate

Graduation requirement — 49 semester hours

The Practical Nursing Certificate Program prepares students for employment in long-term care facilities, clinics, and hospitals. Graduates are eligible to take the licensing examination for Licensed Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN). This program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

## Program Notes

- This program prepares students to meet the educational requirements for licensure in the state of Illinois. Parkland College has not yet determined that this program meets the requirements for licensure of any other state.
- This is a selective admissions program — students must be admitted into the program before taking LPN courses. Please see the selective admissions page for more information regarding admission, progression, and graduation.
- To be admitted to the program, students must have current placement out of MAT 072 and must place into ENG 101 and college level reading.
- Students must complete the Kaplan Online Admissions Exam.
- Students who are non-native speakers of English must establish English proficiency prior to applying through:
  - Minimum TOEFL iBT scores in reading, listening, speaking, and writing: 20-20-26-20; or
  - Minimum IELTS scores in reading, listening, speaking, and writing: 6.5-6.5-8-5.5.
- For admission to the program students must have a minimum 2.50 GPA. Additional points are given for program GPA, number of program courses taken, biology GPA, and work as a CNA or CMOA. The number of times a student has withdrawn from or failed a course may result in fewer points.
- To remain in the program and graduate, students are required to keep a C or higher in all program courses, maintain a 2.50 minimum program GPA, successfully pass and complete all clinical rotations in all nursing courses, maintain Parkland College Code of Conduct, essential qualifications, and ANA Code of Ethics.

## CNA—Certified Nurse Aide Requirement

Students are required to complete the nurse assistant program, be certified, and be in good standing before they will be considered for admission to the LPN program. Applicants must demonstrate placement on the Nurse Aide Registry within the past two years, or show evidence of working at least part-time during the past two years as a paid nurse aide at a state-approved agency.

Students may be enrolled in a nurse aide training program at the time of application to the nursing program and be “conditionally” accepted. They must pass their state exam on the first attempt at the first scheduled availability and be on the Illinois Health Care Worker Registry to remain in the program.

## Certified Medical Office Assistant (CMOA) Option

Certified medical office assistants may qualify for admission by testing out of specific CNA skills if they are not currently a CNA. Only “certified” medical office assistants will be considered. Alternate training as a health care technician via an employer may be considered as equivalent to CNA certification. Please contact the program director for specific information.

## Suggested Full-time Sequence

1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester
†BIO 121	†BIO 120	LPN 131
LPN 111	†BIO 122	LPN 132
LPN 114	LPN 118	LPN 135
LPN 117	LPN 130	LPN 136
†PSY 101	†ENG 101	†PSY 209

## Suggested Part-time Sequence

Students wishing to pursue course work on a part-time basis are encouraged to complete the courses marked with † before admission.

General education and other non-LPN required courses can be taken prior to the semester recommended, but courses cannot be postponed past the semester scheduled in the full-time sequence.

Once the student is admitted to the LPN program, all courses in the first semester must be taken and completed in order to progress to the second semester. The same is required for each subsequent semester.

## Required Program Courses (39 hours) Cr. Hrs.

BIO 120	Fundamentals of Nutrition	3
BIO 121	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 122	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
LPN 111	Introduction to Nursing	1
LPN 114	Nursing Fundamentals	6
LPN 117	Nursing Pharmacology	3
LPN 135	Nursing in Obstetrics	3
LPN 136	Nursing in Pediatrics	3
LPN 118	Medical Surgical Nursing	5
LPN 130	Transition to Practice	1
LPN 131	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing	5
LPN 132	Licensure Preparation	1

## Required General Education Courses (10 hours)

ENG 101	Composition I	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	4
PSY 209	Human Growth and Development	3

Total Semester Credit Hours 49