



[PN.AC; CIP Code 51.3901]

### Academic Certificate Program

The Academic Certificate program in Practical Nursing is designed for students who plan to become Licensed Practical Nurses. This program has selective admission criteria.

Individuals who are at college level and who are eligible to take English 101, and Anatomy and Physiology I, may consider this Practical Nursing program. The Practical Nursing Program can be completed in one calendar year. Graduates are awarded an Academic Certificate in Practical Nursing. Cumberland's Practical Nursing Program is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ 07102, 1-973- 504-6430.

Program Learning Outcomes Upon Completion of the program, graduates qualify to take the National Council of Licensure Examination for licensure as a Practical Nurse.

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## Practical Nursing, AC

*This program has selective admissions. Please see Allied Health Activation page of the college's website for details.*

### FIRST YEAR - Fall Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> BI 106 Anatomy & Physiology	4
<input type="checkbox"/> EN 101 English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PN 101 Foundations of Practical Nursing Practice	7
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### Spring Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> HS 115 Basic Nutrition	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PN 102 Medical Surgical Practical Nursing	7
<input type="checkbox"/> PY 101 General Psychology	3
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### Year 1, Summer Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> PN 103 Advanced Concepts in Practical Nursing	2
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<input type="checkbox"/> PN 104 Family-Centered Nursing Practice	5
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**TOTAL CREDITS: 34**

\*For progression in the program, a passing grade of 95 is needed on the medical dosage calculation exam given in all four core courses (PN 101, PN 102, PN 103, PN 104).

### Program Learning Outcomes

#### At the completion of this program of study, the student will demonstrate:

- Clinical competence at a novice graduate nurse level on the clinical evaluation tool and the comprehensive examination.
- Application of critical thinking principles using the nursing process to attain an optimal level of client functioning in all nursing courses.
- Effective collaboration with the Registered Nurse in the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of client care.
- Effective communication with the client, significant others, healthcare providers, and community agencies to provide holistic care.
- Participation in educational opportunities to foster competence in evidenced-based nursing practice.
- Technology use for research, information processing and communication using the correct use of information literacy.