



[NALHPNCERT; CIP Code 51.3901]

Academic Certificate Program

This program combines general education with practical nursing courses to prepare students for entry-level practice. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-PN) and to apply to a Board of Nursing for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse. The Nursing program is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Practical Nursing Program will:

- Deliver competent care to a diverse population.
- Communicate effectively with various members of the healthcare team.
- Demonstrate competency in electronic health care record documentation.

Practical Nursing, CERT

First Semester

Part A: 7 weeks

☐ BIOL 105 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
☐ ENGL 101 English Composition I or ENGL 101E Enhanced English Composition I	3-4
☐ PRAC 110 Practical Nursing I	4
☐ PRAC 111 Practical Nursing Lab	1

Part B: 7 weeks

☐ PRAC 120 Practical Nursing II	3
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Second Semester

Part A: 5 weeks

☐ PRAC 130 Practical Nursing III	3
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Part B: 10 weeks

☐ BIOL 106 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
☐ PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
☐ PRAC 140 Practical Nursing IV	5
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TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS: 30

Special Admission Requirements

- **Practical Nursing is a selective admission program. Students must be accepted to the program prior to registering for any PN courses.**
- Admission packets can be found on the College website.
- Clinical agencies require criminal history background checks (CHBC) for all individuals engaged in patient care. All students must undergo a CHBC upon acceptance into the Practical Nursing Program. CHBC results are sent to the clinical agencies, who have sole discretion to decide if the student may engage in patient care at the agency. If a student is denied the opportunity to participate in the clinical agency as a result of the findings of the CHBC, the student will be dismissed from the Practical Nursing Program.
- Students who do not meet pre-requisite and corequisite course requirements and/or grade requirements will not be able to progress in the Practical Nursing program.
- **Students must complete the Practical Nursing program in two years from the start of the first Practical Nursing course.**

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