Practical Nursing

(CRT.PN) Certificate

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The Practical Nursing program is a three, consecutive semester program that includes classroom, skills laboratory, and clinical experience in various healthcare agencies. Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate may apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN). Upon successful completion of the NCLEX-PN, the graduate may apply for PN licensure. Completion of the PN program does not guarantee PN licensure. The Department of Financial and Professional Regulations (IDFPR) may refuse to issue a license, if a candidate has a criminial history. Please consult with the director of the Lake Land College PN program to avoid license application hindrances. The program is approved by the IDFPR and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; Phone: 404-975-5000, Fax: 404-975-5020.

PN brochures, admission requirements/information sheets and intent forms are available through Counseling Services and the Allied Health division.

Applicants seeking admission into the Practical Nursing program must have a completed application file in the Nursing Department by March 1, or the preceding business day if March 1 falls on a weekend. Applicants will be notified in writing of acceptance/denial within six weeks of the deadline.

Download the PN checklist for the complete application procedure from the website.

Admission Criteria

The following procedures and prerequisites must be satisfied before admission to the Lake Land College Practical Nursing Program can be considered.

1. Complete an intent to enroll for Lake Land College and submit to the Admissions and Records Office. *(Note: Acceptance to the College does not guarantee admission into the Practical Nursing program.)*
2. Obtain a PN Program Intent Form and return it completed to the Nursing Department.
3. Demonstrate satisfactory scores in two of the three categories on the Lake Land College placement tests: Compass Reading, 83; Compass English, 81; and Compass Math, 39. (Eligibility to take the pre-PN is determined by this test.) ACT scores may be submitted instead of taking the placement exam. ACT scores should be reported directly to the college from ACT. Contact nursing director for comparable scores to LLC test.
4. Demonstrate satisfactory scores on the pre-PN assessment test. A pre-PN composite score below 80 is not acceptable. Test scores more than three years preceding the March 1 deadline are not acceptable. The most recent test scores will be used for admissions. Pre-PN exams are offered at least two times a year. Dates for pre-PN testing are available from the Nursing Department.
5. Admission criteria and procedures are in accordance with Illinois law. If there are more qualified applicants than spaces available in the program, admission is competitive and selective using an objective formula approved by the Nursing Department. Selection criteria includes the date on the nursing intent form, academic achievement, and pre-PN assessment composite raw score.
6. High school students who successfully complete Partnership for Career and College Success (PCCS) curriculum should consult with the director regarding enrollment requirements and procedures.

Note: State Regulations require that qualified in-district residents must be accepted before any consideration can be given to out-of-district applicants.

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Acceptance

The following admission requirements must be completed after notification of acceptance.

1. Complete the Lake Land College Practical Nursing Program Physical Examination, immunizations, and Background Check forms. These forms are provided by the Nursing Department.
2. Obtain and/or maintain current CPR certification (not older than one year). Submit a copy of certification to the LLC Nurse's office.
3. Students must maintain current certification for the duration of the PN program.
4. Attend the nursing program orientation during the summer preceeding PNC 050. Students will be notified by mail of the orientation date.
5. Maintain an overall grade point average of 2.00 (i.e. good academic standing). This is a requirement to progress/graduate from the PN program.

Cost

In addition to tuition and fees, costs for PN program include: textbooks, uniforms, supplies, physical examination and immunizations, background check, a comprehensive assessment test , and transportation to hospital clinical experiences. Additional expenses upon successful completion of the program include licensure application fees, NCLEX-PN test fees, and PN license fees, upon successful completion of the NCLEX-PN exam.

Program requirements may change over time. Specific degree/graduation requirements are determined by the students' degree audit.

FIRST YEAR

First Semester			Hours
☐	PNC 049	Foundations of Nursing †	6
☐	PNC 050	Practical Nursing I †	10
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**16**
Second Semester			
☐	PNC 052	Practical Nursing II †††	15
☐	PNC 053	Pharmacology I †††	2
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**17**
Summer Term			
☐	PNC 054	Practical Nursing III	7
☐	PNC 055	Pharmacology II	1
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**8**
		TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS	**41**

† Course only offered fall semester
††† Course only offered spring semester

For more information regarding related occupations, graduation rates and program costs, go to www.lakelandcollege.edu, link to Academic Programs and select Gainful Employment Information.

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