

Practical Nursing Diploma in Health Sciences

Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable ASSET or COMPASS score
(or ACT or SAT score)

Type of Program:

Day

Type of Degree:

Diploma

Professional Credentials:

Licensed Practical Nurse (subject to passing exam)

Program Accreditation:

S.C. State Board of Nursing and National League for
Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)

Employment Opportunities:

Hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, physicians' offices

- Prior to acceptance, students must meet college admission requirements.
- In order to be eligible for seating into the program students must
 - Attend CareerTalk (current within two years).
 - Meet criteria on SAT, ACT or college placement tests (ASSET/COMPASS) to be placed into ENG 101 and MAT 101 and meet reading requirement, or have transferred ENG 101 or MAT 101 or have exited all developmental courses (reading, English, math, and completion of MAT 035).
 - Have a technical GPA of 2.5.
 - Complete CPT 101 Introduction to Computers or equivalent with a "C" or higher (must be less than five years)
- Students are admitted fall, spring, and summer semesters.
- Seating Process: Submit a weighted admission form between the dates of Dec. 15 – Feb. 15 for potential admission into one of the summer/fall classes. Submit a weighted admission form between the dates of July 15 – Sept. 15 for potential admission into one of the spring classes.
 - Students with the highest scores will receive an admission letter, intent form, and physical exam form.
 - To reserve a seat, student must pay \$100 non-refundable deposit and complete the physical exam form (not more than 12 months prior to beginning NUR courses).
- The following general education courses can be taken with NUR courses or prior to entering the clinical phase of the Nursing program: BIO 112 Basic Anatomy & Physiology; MAT 101 Beginning

Algebra; PSY 201 General Psychology; and ENG 101 English Composition I.

- A grade of “C” or higher is required in biophysical science courses. Biophysical science courses must be completed within five years of entering the clinical phase of the Nursing program. Biophysical science courses may be repeated one time only to achieve a passing grade.
- Have evidence of valid CPR certification, preclinical requirements, and health requirements as a course requirement for AHS 160.
- A negative 10-panel drug screen is required.
- A crime-free criminal background check is required for clinical experiences. Students must be able to attend all clinical experiences.
- Any student who has been convicted of a crime or felony must contact the South Carolina State Board of Nursing for further instructions.
- Students planning to continue in the Associate Degree Nursing program must complete the admission requirements for the ADN program. The general education courses required for Associate Degree Nursing, BIO 210, BIO 211, BIO 225, MAT 120, SPC 205 and a Humanities elective, must be completed prior to entering NUR 222.
- AHS 160 and NUR courses are five weeks in length.
- Students will be required to take a comprehensive competency exam at the end of the 100-level nursing courses and will be required to achieve a satisfactory score on the exam prior to progressing into the 200-level nursing courses or taking the LPN licensure exam.

Recommended Program Schedule

PHASE I

Block I

AHS 160	Introduction to Health	1.0
BIO 112	Basic Anatomy & Physiology *	4.0
ENG 101	English Composition I*	3.0
MAT 101	Beginning Algebra*	3.0
NUR 108	Patient Care Skills I	1.0
NUR 109	Clinical Application	1.0
NUR 112	Patient Care Skills II	2.0
NUR 113	Clinical Applications II	1.0

PHASE II

Block II

NUR 114	Introduction to Nursing	1.0
NUR 116	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan I	1.0
NUR 117	Clinical Applications IV	2.0
NUR 118	Alterations in Health I	1.0
NUR 119	Clinical Applications V	2.0

NUR 133	Clinical Applications III	2.0
PSY 201	General Psychology*	3.0

Block III

NUR 122	Alterations in Health II	1.0
NUR 123	Clinical Applications VI	2.0
NUR 124	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan II	1.0
NUR 125	Clinical Applications VII	2.0
NUR 126	Alterations in Health III	1.0
NUR 127	Clinical Applications VIII	2.0

Block IV

NUR 128	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan III	1.0
NUR 129	Clinical Applications IX	2.0
NUR 132	Teamwork and Leadership	1.0

Total credit hours **41.0**

* General Education course