

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING

The licensed practical nursing curriculum combines theory and clinical experiences which enable nursing students to enter the health care field as effective and efficient team members. Nursing is an art which revolves around the patient and family in a holistic approach.

MAJOR UNITS OF STUDY:

1st Semester

- PN 101 Basic Nursing Skills
- PN 102 Personal Vocational Relationships I
- PN 103 Anatomy/Physiology I
- PN 104 Nutrition
- PN 105 Medical-Surgical Nursing I
- PN 106 Pharmacology
- PN 107 Growth Development

2nd Semester

- PN 202 Personal Vocational Relationships II
- PN 203 Anatomy/Physiology II
- PN 205 Medical-Surgical Nursing II
- PN 207 Obstetrical Nursing
- PN 208 Mental Health
- PN 209 Geriatrics
- PN 210 Pediatrics
- PN 211 Diet Therapy

The curriculum proceeds from simple to complex, including the normal and abnormal. The effectiveness of learning is accomplished when the knowledge of nursing is implemented into the nursing process of the health care system.

Graduates of the nursing program who have received a satisfactory grade in each clinical area, 80% average or above in each theory area, and meet the requirements of the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses (WV Code 30-7A-1-3) are eligible to take the West Virginia State Board of Exams for LPNs. Upon receipt of a passing score, the graduate may then be eligible for endorsement in other states.

This license enables graduates to practice in various health care settings under the supervision of a registered nurse, licensed physician and/or licensed dentist. Employment opportunities are numerous and include such areas as: home health agencies, public health departments, hospitals, nursing homes, physician/dental offices, outpatient clinics, home care, and employment agencies.

ADMISSION CRITERIA:

"The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses shall have the right to refuse to admit an applicant for the licensure examination for the hereinafter stated reasons: (1) is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice nursing; or (2) is convicted of a felony; or (3) is habitually intemperate or is addicted to the use of habit forming drugs; or (4) is mentally incompetent; or (5) is guilty of professional misconduct as defined by the Board; or (6) who practices or attempts to practice without a license, or who willfully or repeatedly violates any of the terms of the provisions of this article".

The applicant must have completed high school or hold an equivalency diploma (G.E.D.). Applicants should have a science background. A transcript of all previous education is required. The applicant must show evidence of good physical and mental health.

Pre-Entrance Test

The NLN-Aptitude for Practical Nursing Examination is given to prospective students. Scoring at the 50th percentile and above is acceptable.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE INCLUDES:

1. Pre-admission testing
2. Application for admission
3. Transcript of high school or G.E.D. record
4. Personal interview with LPN Coordinator/Faculty, upon passage of pre-entrance exam
5. Three (3) written personal references mailed to the school **prior** to interview
6. Medical record:
 - a: physical examination-including chest x-ray and/or PPD, Rubella titer; Routine Lab, Urinalysis, Serology and begin Hepatitis B immunization, drug screen and VZR titer
 - b: selected immunizations as determined by health officer
 - c: drug screen
7. Criminal background check
8. The Admissions Committee will make the final decision regarding the applicant's admission to the school
9. Certified Nursing Assistants are given a three point preference
10. TOEFL exam for students from foreign countries.