

## Program Purpose

The mission of the Practical Nursing Program at Pierpont Community & Technical College is to provide opportunities for learning, training, and application of knowledge as it relates to the nursing care of individuals, families, and communities in health and illness. Our mission is responsive to the emerging technologies in the field of healthcare and the changing health care needs of individuals, families, and communities. Our goal is to prepare our graduates for successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses.

The licensed practical nursing program has been designed as a full-time one-year certificate program. The curriculum is divided into courses of study proceeding from the simple to the complex, including theory, and clinical practice. Hours and course design closely follow the West Virginia LPN Board's suggested curriculum design. The program is accredited by the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses.

## Admission Requirements

**We are now accepting applications for Fall 2022.**

Admission into the Licensed Practical Nursing, C.A.S. program is based upon the following criteria:

- Apply to Pierpont Community and Technical College for the term you want to begin the program and meet the general admission requirements or be a current student.
- First-time students should select "Health Sciences: Licensed Practical Nursing" as their educational goal on their application.
- 2.5 GPA from High School or College Courses.
- Complete the [LPN application](#) (\$20 fee). Applications and supporting documentation are due to the Admission's Office by June 1st. Applicants who are not admitted must reapply if they wish to be considered for the next academic year.
- Applicants must take a pre-nursing entrance test, TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills). A minimum score of 58 percent, adjusted individual total score, is required for consideration. Information on TEAS testing can be found on the website at <https://www.pierpont.edu/ce>.

- Students must complete ten credit hours of prerequisite courses to enter the program ([HLCA 1170](#) HLCA 1171, [MTH 1207](#) or higher and ENGL 1104 Written English I or higher). These courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.
- Submit all required documents (High School or College Transcripts, and TEAS score) to the Admission's Office prior to the LPN application deadline
- Qualified students are accepted into the program until capacity is met. \*Students can begin the program in the fall semester.
- An impartial scoring system is used to rank applicants applying to the Licensed Practical Nursing program. The evaluation process considers the TEAS scores; high school or college grade point average or GED scores. The highest scoring applicants will be offered admission into the program until capacity is met.

### Program Requirements

Students must pass a criminal background clearance check, meet health and immunization requirements, and drug testing.

Students must be able to meet the essential functions of the program and classes, with or without accommodations.

Students will need to provide their own transportation to assigned clinical sites.

Students must complete each course in the LPN program model schedule with a grade of "C" or higher and maintain an overall 2.0 GPA to remain in the program. Any classes accepted as substitutes for curricular classes also require a grade of "C" or higher. Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in dismissal from the program. Students who have been dismissed may reapply to the program and their credentials will be reevaluated.

### Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates of Pierpont Community & Technical College's Practical Nursing Program shall be prepared to:

Utilize the nursing process as a guide to assess, plan, implement and evaluate basic patient care across the life span within the practical nurse's scope of practice

Implement the role of nursing in the continuum of care, which includes that of patient advocate, leader/manager of care, communicator, teacher and member of the health care team

Incorporate therapeutic communication to assist patients of all ages in promoting health and supporting wellness

Utilize learned nursing skills and current technology as an entry-level practical nurse to provide and promote compassionate nursing care

Integrate ethical, professional, legal responsibility, and accountability into actions and decisions

Assume responsibility for personal and professional growth

Successfully pass the National Council License Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN)

## Opportunities

Career opportunities for a licensed practical nurse can be found in hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, nursing care facilities, physician offices, and in home care. According to the US Department of Labor, employment of LPN's is expected to grow by 16 percent through 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations, in response to the long-term care needs of an increasing elderly population and the general increase in demand for healthcare services. The US Department of Labor reports that as of 2016 the median annual wage for LPN's is \$44,090.00. Graduates may continue in higher education toward an Associate's Degree in Nursing (ASN).

## Program Data

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At least a tenth grade education or its equivalent.

Complete a course of study in an accredited program of practical nursing.

The Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses may deny testing to any applicant proved guilty of certain infractions such as, but not limited to, fraud, felony, or moral misconduct.

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### **Prerequisite Classes (10 Hrs)**

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- HLCA 1170 - Human Anatomy and Physiology 3 hr(s).
- HLCA 1171 – Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab 1 hr.
- ENGL 1104 Written Communication I 3-4 hrs.
- ~MTH 1207 - Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics 3-4 hr(s).

### **Required Courses (45 Hrs)**

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- LPNC 1101 – Nursing Fundamentals for the LPN - 6 hr(s).
- LPNC 1105 - Pharmacology I for the PN 1 hr(s).
- LPNC 1107 - Fundamental Clinical Practicum for the PN - 4 hr(s).
- LPNC 1112 - Mental Health Nursing for the PN - 2 hr(s).
- LPNC 1113 Mental Health Clinical Practicum for the PN - 1 hr.
- LPNC 1115 - Pharmacology II for the PN - 1 hr(s).
- LPNC 1120 - Maternal/Pediatrics Nursing for the PN - 6 hr(s).
- LPNC 1121 - Maternal/Pediatric Clinical Practicum for the PN - 1 hr(s).
- LPNC 1130 – Adult Med-Surg Nursing for the PN - 3 hr(s).
- LPNC 1131 – Adult Med-Surg Nursing I Clinical Practicum for the PN - 2 hr(s).
- LPNC 1134 – Med-Surgical Nursing II for the PN - 8 hr(s).
- LPNC 1135 - Med-Surg II Clinical Practicum for the PN - 6 hr(s).

### **Model Schedule (41 Hrs)**

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#### **Fall First Semester (16 Hrs)**

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- LPNC 1101 – Nursing Fundamentals for the PN - 6 hr(s).
- LPNC 1105 - Pharmacology I for the PN - 1 hr(s).
- LPNC 1107 - Fundamental Clinical Practicum for the PN - 4 hr(s)
- LPNC 1130 – Adult Med-Surg Nursing I for the PN - 3 hr(s).
- LPNC 1131 – Adult Medi-Surg Nursing I Clinical Practicum for the PN 2 hr(s).

#### **Winter Intersession (3 hrs)**

- LPNC 1112 - Mental Health Nursing for the PN - 2 hr(s).
- LPNC 1113 Mental Health Clinical Practicum for the Practical Nurse - 1 hr.

### Spring Second Semester (15 Hrs)

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- LPNC 1115 - Pharmacology II for the PN - 1 hr(s).
- LPNC 1134 – Med-Surg II for the PN - 8 hr(s).
- LPNC 1135 - Med-Surg II Clinical Practicum for the PN - 6 hr(s).

### Summer Third Semester (7 Hrs)

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- LPNC 1120 - Maternal/Pediatric Nursing for the PN - 6 hr(s).
- LPNC 1121 - Maternal/Pediatric Clinical Practicum for the PN - 1 hr(s).

### Accreditation

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