

# Nursing: Practical Nursing

## Diploma

(Code: EVLPN)

Upon completion of the Practical Nursing program, the student is qualified to write the national examination in Practical Nursing (NCLEX), receive a license, and enter the profession as a Practical Nurse. Practical Nurses care for patients of all ages and with all types of illnesses and are employed in doctors' offices, long-term care facilities, public agencies, the Iowa Veteran's Administration home, and residences. Practical Nursing entrance requirements:

1. Application for college admission completed.
2. Application for the Nursing Program completed.
3. Official high school transcript or GED equivalency required.
4. Official transcripts from other colleges you have attended (if applicable).
5. The Iowa Core Performance Standards for Health Career Programs form must be reviewed, signed, and returned to the Health Occupations Office Associate. Applicants unable to meet the core performance standards must discuss the possibility of reasonable accommodations with the program coordinator at (641) 648-8648.
6. All students must earn a minimum ACT composite score of 18 OR pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) version V prior to acceptance into the Practical Nursing program. It is required that students wait until they have completed and passed BIO168 to take the TEAS-V exam. To register for the TEAS-V exam please contact the Health Occupations Office Associate at (641) 648-8647. The minimum required TEAS-V test scores are: Reading 69%; Mathematics 63%; Science 46%; English and Language Usage 60%
7. Applicants must complete these general education courses with a "C-" or higher prior to entry. BIO168 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credit hours); BIO173 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credit hours); BIO186 Microbiology (4 credit hours); BIO151 Nutrition (3 credit hours) and EDU160 Human Growth & Development (3 credit hours). NOTE: Science courses must have been completed in the last 10 years.
8. Must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7.
9. Documentations to verify the completion of the Iowa Nurse Aide written and skills certification exams for placement on the Direct Care Worker Registry. A transcript indicating you passed both tests or an Iowa Nurse Aide Registry Card will serve as verification. The 75-hour Nurse Aide course is not required for entrance into the nursing program; however, it is highly recommended.
10. As an applicant for the nursing program, you are responsible for turning in all of the required documentation to the Health Occupations Office Associate.

Applications for the Practical Nursing program are accepted throughout the year with a new class beginning each fall at ECC. Your Nursing Admissions folder must be completed by March 15 for fall admission. However, qualified applicants with completed admissions folders will be reviewed on a "first-come, first-served" basis after these deadlines.

NOTE: Applicants should be advised that healthcare facilities conduct criminal background checks prior to student clinical experiences and before hiring nurses. There is a prescribed schedule for progression through the nursing program. Students will register for their nursing courses according to the schedule of courses on their campus.

Successful completion of the Practical Degree Nursing program:

1. There is a prescribed schedule for progression through the nursing program. Students will register for their nursing courses according to the schedule of courses on their campus.
2. Students must earn an 80% (B-) grade and satisfactorily complete clinical and lab requirements in each class to progress. Students must satisfactorily complete both the academic, laboratory and clinical hours for each course to receive credit for that particular course.

General Education		Credit Hours
BIO151	Nutrition	3
BIO168	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO173	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO186	Microbiology	4
EDU160	Human Growth & Development	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>

Program Requirements		Credit Hours
PNN113	Fundamentals of Nursing	6.5
PNN231	Pharmacology	3
PNN403	Mental Health Concepts	2
PNN426	Introduction to Obstetrics & Pediatrics	4.5
PNN500	Leadership & Professional Nursing	1
PNN526	Nursing Care of Adult Client 1	8
PNN530	Nursing Care of the Adult III	3.5
PNN540	Leadership Clinical Experience	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>29.5</b>

**Total Required Hours 47.5**