



Program Planning Guide

Practical Nursing Diploma (D45660)

Program Length: 3 Semesters

Program Sites: Harnett Health Science Center, seated only

Career Pathway Options: Associate in Applied Science in Associate Degree Nursing

The Practical Nursing curriculum provides knowledge and skills to integrate safety and quality into nursing care to meet the needs of the holistic individual which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential.

Course work includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes safe, individualized nursing care and participation in the interdisciplinary team while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and informatics.

Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) which is required for practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation/long term care/home health facilities, clinics, and physicians' offices.

Limited Enrollment Application Overview:

The Practical Nursing (PN) program is a limited-enrollment program, which means that there are a limited number of seats in this program each year. Students must meet all requirements listed below to enter the PN program. While they are completing these requirements, pre-PN Students will be enrolled in the **Pre-Nursing program (A55280PN)**.

Applications are accepted year-round and are reviewed as they are received. Eligible students will be notified and placed on the waiting list for the next cohort. Students are admitted to the program based on the date of their application

PN Admission Requirements:

- Complete 15 credit hours of Pre-Nursing general education courses (see page 2).
- Complete BIO 168 & 169 with a B or better.
- Complete all other general education courses with a C or better.
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA based on 15 credit hours of ADN general education courses.
- Complete a State-Approved Nurse Aide I Training Program and appear on the NC Nurse Aide Registry in good standing.
- Attend a mandatory, in-person program orientation before beginning the program. The date will be provided in the admission acceptance letter.

Provisional Acceptance:

Provisional acceptance will be offered to a student if there are seats available after all fully accepted students have confirmed their acceptance each year, **and**:

- The student has earned a grade of C in BIO 168 and/or BIO 169.
- All remaining general education coursework will be completed by the end of the spring term.
- Nurse Aide completion documentation will be submitted by April 30.



Pre-PN General Education Requirements & Suggested Course Schedule:

Course Schedule		Class	Lab	Clinical	Credits	Notes:
1st Semester (fall)						
ACA 122	Transfer & Career Success	0	2	0	1	Seated or online
BIO 168	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	3	0	4	Seated
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3	Seated or online
Total Semester Hours		6	5	0	8	
2nd Semester (spring)						
BIO 169	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	3	0	4	Seated
PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3	Seated or online
NAS 3240	Nurse Aid Level I					Seated only via Continuing Education or Approved NC Nurse Aide Programs
Total Semester Hours		6	3	0	7	

Upon acceptance into the Practical Nursing program, students will take the following courses:

Program Course Schedule		Class	Lab	Clinical	Credits	Notes:
1st Semester (fall)						
NUR 101	Practical Nursing I	7	6	6	11	Seated
Total Semester Hours		7	6	6	11	
2nd Semester (spring)						
NUR 102	Practical Nursing II	7	0	9	10	Seated
Total Semester Hours		7	0	9	10	
3rd Semester (summer)						
NUR 103	Practical Nursing III	6	0	9	9	Seated
Total Semester Hours		6	0	9	9	
Total General Education Semester Hours Credit: 15						
Total Program Semester Hours Credit: 30						
Total Semester Hours Credit Required for Graduation: 45						