

Minnesota North College
Itasca Campus, Mesabi-Eveleth Campus
Rainy River Cohort
Practical Nursing

Academic Year 2022-23

Diploma (45 credits)

PRE-PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – 12 Credits (MINIMUM GPA 2.5)		CREDITS	LEC/LAB CREDITS
ALHE 1610	Medical Terminology	1	1/0
BIOL 2371	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 (MNTC 3)	4	3/1
BIOL 2372	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 (MNTC 3)	4	3/1
PSYC 1220	Lifespan Development (MNTC 5 and 7)	3	3/0
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS			
FALL SEMESTER 2022 – 17 Credits			
PRNU 1204	Pharmacology 1	2	2/0
PRNU 1205	Health Needs for All Ages 1	4	4/0
PRNU 1208	Maternal/Child Nursing	2	2/0
PRNU 1210 *	Skills 1	3	2/1
PRNU 1211 *	Clinical 1	5	0/5
PRNU 1212 *	SimLab: Nursing Basics	1	0/1
SPRINGS SEMESTER 2023 – 16 Credits			
PRNU 2204	Pharmacology 2	2	2/0
PRNU 2205	Health Needs for All Ages 2	4	4/0
PRNU 2207	Psychosocial Aspects of Nursing (Block 1)	2	2/0
PRNU 2209	Role Transition (Block 2)	1	1/0
PRNU 2210 *	Skills 2	1	0/1
PRNU 2211 *	Clinical 2	4	0/4
PRNU 2221 *	Integrated Practicum	2	0/2

* Two contact hours to 1 credit ratio

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Practical Nursing Program provides carefully selected course instruction (lectures, demonstrations, discussions, computers, etc.) in a face-to-face or web-enhanced delivery and clinical practice (at community health care facilities) which enables the student to meet the basic needs of patients and function as a practical nurse.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- **Teamwork and Collaboration.** The practical nursing graduate will participate as a member of the inter-professional team collaborating and communicating with other health care providers (SOP) to promote safe, quality, patient-centered care.
- **Safety.** The practical nursing graduate will recognize and report changes and responses to interventions to a RN or the appropriate licensed health care provider while providing a safe environment for patients, self, and others (SOP).
- **Quality Improvement.** The practical nursing graduate will participate in quality improvement by providing input into the development of policies and procedures (SOP) and effectively using resources to achieve patient outcomes (NAPNES).
- **Professional Identity/Behavior.** The practical nursing graduate will demonstrate professional behaviors and accountability to legal and ethical nursing practice standards for a competent PN (NAPNES).
- **Patient Relationship Centered Care.** The practical nursing graduate demonstrates effective communication skills (NAPNES) while providing patient care founded on basic physical, developmental, spiritual, cultural, functional, and psychosocial needs (NAPNES) of individual (SOP) patients across the lifespan.
- **Nursing Judgement/Evidence Based Care.** The practical nursing graduate will utilize evidence-based nursing judgment when prioritizing care, implementing interventions, reporting changes, (SOP); and promoting the health (NLN) of individual patients across the lifespan.

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- **Managing Care.** The practical nursing graduate will work within an established plan of care for an individual patient to organize or assign aspects of care under the direction of a RN or other licensed Health Care Provider (HCP) (SOP).
- **Informatics/Technology.** The practical nursing graduate will utilize information technology in the health care setting (NAPNES).

APPLICATION/ACCEPTANCE

Students must apply and be accepted to Minnesota North College. Students indicating an interest in Practical nursing will be sent a Minnesota North Practical Nursing Program application. Practical Nursing applications may be submitted starting September 1. All Practical Nursing applicants will be placed in a D2L Practical Nursing Portal “course” that provides further information and allows students to track progress. Instructions on how to access the course will be emailed to your Minnesota North email account.

Practical Nursing admission decisions are made the first week of March, therefore, there is a priority deadline of February 28 each year for the following fall semester start. Selected students are provisionally accepted into the Practical Nursing program and remain in this status until successful completion of all pre-program requirements. If there are more qualified applicants than available space, the criteria of TEAS test score (percentage) ranking highest to lowest, will be applied. A minimum score of 50 is required on the TEAS test. Students will be notified by letter of their acceptance status.

Applicants beyond capacity will be placed on a waiting list in ranked position based on pre-program criteria, as alternates. If the program and sections are not filled, applicants will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the program has reached capacity or June 30, whichever comes first. After June 30, students will only be accepted on a case-by-case basis by the program director.

Accepted students and alternates will be notified of a **mandatory spring meeting that will be announced in the D2L PN Portal announcement** to review requirements that need to be completed over the summer, including Minnesota Department of Health background study with fingerprinting, a federal background study, and health/immunization requirements for clinical rotations.

Students are required to take ATI Content Mastery Exams on campus (Itasca, Rainy River, or Mesabi Range campus) as part of course work and participate in the ATI 3-day Live Review at the end of the year. This is part of the Integrated Practicum course. All exams are proctored on campus or at approved proctor sites.

PRE-PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- **TEAS V Exam.** A score of equal to or greater than 50% prior to August start. The fee for this exam is not covered by financial aid.
- **Nursing Assistant.** All students must be current on the Minnesota registry. If not currently working as a nursing assistant, students must have taken the Minnesota Department of Health approved course and passed the test within the past 3 years. If not, completion of a Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide is required.
- **Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider.** All students are required to be certified with BLS for Healthcare Providers prior to entering Semester 1 and must remain continuously certified throughout Semester 2.
- **Math**
 - Math 0200 Introductory Algebra, or higher
 - or PRNU 1125 Medical Math (highly advised)
 - or if using Accuplacer Scores:

Program Ready	
Next Gen Accuplacer-Advanced Algebra and Functions	>= 230
Classic Accuplacer Elementary Algebra Assessment	>= 76
Classic Accuplacer Intermediate Algebra Assessment	>= 40

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- **English**
 - English 0100 Fundamental of College Writing, or higher
 - or if using Accuplacer Scores:

Program Ready	
Next Gen Accuplacer-Reading Comprehension	>= 250
Classic Accuplacer -Reading Comprehension	>= 78

- **Computer Placement Test Scores**
 - Must be equal to or greater than 60%
 - or completion of GENS 1170 Introduction to Computer Applications
 - or successful completion of an online course (C or better)

ACCREDITATION

The Minnesota North College Practical Nursing (Distance) program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) located at 2600 Virginia Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20037. This program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council License examination for Licensed Practical Nursing. Licensed Practical Nurses are now employed in hospitals, clinics, schools, industry, nursing homes, private homes and home care agencies, and the armed services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the demand for Licensed Practical Nurses will grow faster than average over the next ten years.

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