Practical Nursing   Diploma | 45 credits

Campus: Itasca-Grand Rapids, Mesabi Range-Eveleth, Rainy River-Intl. Falls

PRE-PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS		CREDITS	LEC/LAB HOURS
Must be completed before entering the program - 12 Credits (Minimum GPA 2.5)			
ALHE 1610	Medical Terminology	1	1/0
BIOL 2371	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 (MnTC 3)	4	3/2
BIOL 2372	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 (MnTC 3)	4	3/2
PSYC 1220	Lifespan Development (MnTC 5 and 7)	3	3/0
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS			
FALL SEMESTER 2025 – 16 Credits			
PRNU 1204	Pharmacology 1	2	2/0
PRNU 1205	Health Needs 1	4	3/2
PRNU 1208	Maternal/Newborn Health Nursing	2	1/2
PRNU 1210	Nursing Skills 1	3	1/4
PRNU 1212	SimLab: Nursing Basics	1	0/2
PRNU 1213	Clinical 1	4	0/8
SPRING SEMESTER 2026 – 17 Credits			
PRNU 2204 *	Pharmacology 2	2	2/0
PRNU 2205 *	Health Needs 2	4	3/2
PRNU 2207 *	Psychosocial Aspects of Nursing	2	2/0
PRNU 2208 *	Pediatric Intensive	1	0/2
PRNU 2209 *	Role Transition	1	1/0
PRNU 2210 *	Nursing Skills 2	1	0/2
PRNU 2211 *	Clinical 2	4	0/8
PRNU 2221 *	Integrated Practicum	2	0/4

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

1. **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.
2. **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).
3. **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).
4. **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).
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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).
8. **Informatics/Technology.** The practical nursing graduate will utilize information technology in the health care setting (NAPNES).

APPLICATION/ACCEPTANCE

1. Acceptance to Minnesota North College
2. Minnesota North College students apply online https://PracticalNursingApplication starting September 1 for the following August start.
3. All Practical Nursing applicants will be placed in a D2L PN Portal "course" that provides further information and allows students to track their progress and receive feedback. Instructions on how to access the course will be emailed to your Minnesota North email account.
4. Applicants review PN Portal content and upload assignment documents
5. Uploads are reviewed for criteria met (TEAS score, pre-program planner, required coursework GPA) the first week of March.
6. See the Requirements Planner available on the website: Program Details - Minnesota North College
7. Accepted applicants are assigned a "Conditional Acceptance" grade in the Portal gradebook. Acceptance is conditional related to additional requirements (cleared background studies, immunization compliance…) for entry in August.
8. Applicants applying after February 28th will be reviewed in the PN Portal and accepted on a case-by-case basis.
9. All applicants, conditionally accepted or on the waitlist, will attend a mandatory spring onboarding meeting, please see PN Portal announcement.

PROGRAM NOTES
- * Courses must be taken in the order listed.
- Differential tuition is assessed for the PRNU courses.

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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