

Practical Nursing
Diploma | 45 credits

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

PRE-PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS		CREDITS	HOURS	
Must be completed before entering the program - 12 Credits (Minimum GPA 2.5)			LEC	LAB
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				
PRNU 1150	Fundamentals 1	4	3	2
PRNU 1170	Medical Surgical 1	4	3.5	1
PRNU 1204	Pharmacology 1	2	2	0
PRNU 1208	Maternal/Newborn Health Nursing	2	1.5	1
PRNU 1212	Sim Lab: Nursing Basics	1	0	2
PRNU 1213	Clinical 1	4	0	8
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS		17		
SPRING SEMESTER				
PRNU 2150	Fundamentals 2	1	0	2
PRNU 2170	Medical Surgical 2	4	3.5	1
PRNU 2203	Pediatric Intensive	2	1.5	1
PRNU 2204	Pharmacology 2	2	2	0
PRNU 2207	Psychosocial Aspects of Nursing	2	2	0
PRNU 2209	Role Transition	1	1	0
PRNU 2211	Clinical 2	4	0	8
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS		16		

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Minnesota North College offers a Practical Nursing diploma program designed to prepare students to provide safe, effective, and client-centered care within the licensed practical nurse scope of practice. The program is delivered in a face-to-face or web-enhanced face-to-face format and includes classroom instruction, laboratory experiences, and supervised clinical practice.

The curriculum incorporates lectures, demonstrations, discussion, skills laboratory practice, and clinical learning experiences in community-based health care settings. These learning experiences enable students to meet the basic health care needs of clients across the lifespan and to function effectively as members of the health care team in a variety of clinical environments. Clinical learning experiences are provided in area community hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, and other community-based health care agencies.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon program completion, the practical nursing graduate will be able to demonstrate safe, entry-level competency in:

- Informatics and Technology.** Utilize information technology in the health care setting and demonstrate proficiency with technological tools to support and enhance client care.
- Managing Care.** Collaboratively contribute within the Scope of Practice to develop, modify, and coordinate comprehensive plans of care, ensuring integrated and effective client support under the direction of a registered nurse or other licensed health care provider.
- Nursing Judgment and Evidence-Based Care.** Apply evidence-based nursing judgment to prioritize care, implement interventions, and report changes in client condition within the Scope of Practice. This includes integrating current evidence, clinical expertise, and client and family preferences to support safe, quality care across the lifespan.
- Patient- and Relationship-Centered Care.** Communicate effectively and deliver client-centered nursing care that addresses physical, developmental, spiritual, cultural, functional, and psychosocial needs across the lifespan, while honoring client values, preferences, and dignity.

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5. **Professional Identity and Behavior.** Demonstrate professional nursing behaviors consistent with integrity, accountability, responsibility, and ethical practice standards, reflecting compliance with legal and regulatory expectations of the Minnesota Board of Nursing.
6. **Quality Improvement.** Participate in quality improvement initiatives through appropriate use of resources and by contributing input into the development and evaluation of policies and procedures within the Scope of Practice.
7. **Safety.** Promote a safe environment for clients, self, and others by recognizing and reporting changes in client condition and responses to interventions to the appropriate licensed health care provider.
8. **Teamwork and Collaboration.** Engage effectively as a member of the interprofessional health care team, demonstrating collaboration and communication to support the delivery of safe, high-quality, client-centered care.

APPLICATION

1. Complete the application process and be admitted to Minnesota North College.
2. Students may apply to the Practical Nursing Program online at <https://minnesotanorth.edu> by navigating to Academics → Programs → Nursing → Program Requirements. See Holistic Admissions Packet for specific entrance requirements. Applications open September 1 for admission to the following August cohort.

PROGRAM NOTES

- All core practical nursing (PRNU) courses must be taken at Minnesota North College.
- Grading details and requirements for satisfactory course completion are outlined in each individual course syllabus. Students must meet all established grading criteria to successfully complete nursing coursework and progress in the program. Students must pass all nursing courses with a “B” or greater and all required non-nursing courses with a grade of “C” or better.
- [Differential tuition is assessed for the PRNU courses.](#)

ACCREDITATION

The Minnesota North College Practical/Vocational Nursing Program holds continuing accreditation from the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA), located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037. 202-909-2487.

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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