

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare the graduate to provide nursing care in structured health care settings for clients of all ages who have well defined health problems with predictable outcomes. Emphasis is placed on the ability to make sound judgments based on critical thinking skills, the knowledge of scientific principles, and the ability to use technical skills in a variety of settings. Graduates are eligible to apply to take the national licensure examination-practical nurse (NCLEX-PN) to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN). The program has full approval status by the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 2500 West Sahara, Suite 207, Las Vegas, NV 89102, (702) 486-5800 and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326 (404) 975-5000.

A limited entry program; students must attend a health programs orientation and meet with a health programs advisor for additional counseling.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES - Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:**

- Demonstrate competency to use principles of biological, psychological, social and nursing sciences when assisting with the development and implementation of the plan of care for people of all ages and diverse cultures in various stages of health.
- Demonstrate competency to use critical thinking skills when contributing to the nursing process while providing nursing care for clients experiencing common, well-defined stable health problems in structured health care settings.
- Demonstrate ability to practice within the ethical and legal framework of practical nursing.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (9 Credits):**

	CR	SEMESTER
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b> ENG 100, 101, 113	3-5	_____
<b>HUMAN RELATIONS:</b> PSY 101	3	_____
<b>MATHEMATICS:</b> MATH 104B, 120 or above (except MATH 122, 123)	3	_____

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (35 Credits):**

	CR	SEMESTER
<b>HHP 123B*</b> Introduction to the Human Body	4	_____
<b>HHP 124B*</b> Introduction to the Human Body Computer Lab	1	_____
<b>HIT 117B</b> Medical Terminology I	1	_____
<b>PN 100L</b> Practical Nursing Learning Lab	1	_____
<b>PN 101B</b> Introduction to Practical Nursing	2	_____
<b>PN 103B</b> Gerontological Health Care	2	_____
<b>PN 104B</b> Practical Nursing Fundamentals	5	_____
<b>PN 105B</b> Practical Nursing I	5	_____
<b>PN 106B</b> Family Nursing	3	_____
<b>PN 108B</b> Practical Nursing II	4	_____
<b>PN 110B</b> Practical Nursing Seminar/ Management Concepts	4	_____
<b>PN 125B</b> Pharmacology for Practical Nursing Practice	3	_____

**Other Requirement**

Completion of an approved nursing assistant course and current certified nursing assistant in Nevada by the start of the 3rd semester.

Computation included in MATH 104B, 120 or above (except MATH 122, 123)

Human Relations included in PSY 101

\*BIOL 223 and 224 would be accepted in lieu of HHP 123B and HHP 124B.

This is a limited-entry program. Some of these courses are program prerequisites and MUST be completed before a student is considered eligible for entry into the Program. Students MUST attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement.

**NOTE:** Courses with a B suffix (example - XYZ 123B) may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.

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**44**  
Total Credits

Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.

**Guided Pathway  
Certificate of Achievement in Practical Nursing  
44 Credits**

Prior to starting courses take English and Math placement examinations  
Attend Health Sciences Orientation  
Take TEAS exam  
Attend Limited Entry Orientation and apply for Practical Nursing Program

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>Term</b>
HHP 123	Program: Accept Bio 223 & 224 (Prereq Bio 189)	3	
HHP 124	Program	1	
PN 100L	Program	1	
NURS 130	Program: If not already a NV CNA	6	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5-11</b>	
<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>Term</b>
ENG 101, 100 or 113	English	3-5	
MATH 104	Math: Recommend MATH 120 if placed for it	3	
PSY 101	Human Relations	3	
HIT 117	Program	1	
PN 101	Program	2	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12-14</b>	
<b>Third Semester</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>Term</b>
PN 103	Program	2	
PN 104	Program	5	
PN 105	Program	5	
PN 125	Program	3	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Fourth Semester</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>Term</b>
PN 106	Program	3	
PN 108	Program	4	
PN 110	Program	4	
(interview with ADN Program Director regarding Bridge - optional)			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	
	<b>Certificate TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	
<b>First three months after graduation</b>			
(take NCLEX-PN prep course )	optional	NC	
(take NCLEX – PN exam)	Required for licensure	NC	
(start RN program at completion of program)			

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