

PRACTICAL NURSING

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Job Description

Practical nursing focuses on providing general and routine care to the ill, injured, or infirmed under the direction of a registered professional nurse. Upon completion of the program, the practical nurse becomes a skilled and knowledgeable health care provider.

Career Opportunities

Practical nurses work with people of all ages in:

- Hospitals Managed Care
- Clinics Public Health
- Offices Military/Federal Government
- Home Health Subacute/Rehab Settings
- Long Term Care

Approximate Salary in Nevada

Hourly Wage Range \$13.98 - \$23.16

Median Hourly Wage \$18.36

Source: "US Bureau of Labor Statistics" 2021

Personal Profile

In addition to successfully completing the prescribed course of study in an approved school of nursing, the Nevada Nurse Practice Act (NRS 632.270) requires that candidates for licensure be (1) of good moral character, (2) have a high school diploma or its equivalent, and (3) be at least 18 years of age. Prospective students are advised that if they have been convicted of a felony prior to admission to the program, they may be precluded from subsequent licensure to practice as a nurse in Nevada (NRS 632.320).

Program Description

The program includes both classroom instruction and clinical practice in adult health nursing, family health nursing, and mental health concepts. Once you have completed the required courses, you will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, and will then be eligible to apply for state licensure by examination. Program outcome information is available at <https://www.csn.edu/practical-nursing-program>. If you desire career mobility, you may elect to apply to the LPN to RN Bridge program.

Admission Requirements & Application Deadline

The CSN Practical Nursing program is a Limited Entry program. A "Limited-Entry Application for Admission to a Health Science Program" and Program Checklist may be obtained online at:

<https://www.csn.edu/education-and-training/limited-entry-admission>

Students applying for the Summer 2026 program must submit an application and all other requirements associated with the application process to the Limited Entry Office by March 1, 2026.

Approximate Costs

(Costs are subject to change)

Tuition:

36 credits x \$123.75 per credit hr\$4455.00
 Student Union, Tech, and Athletics & Recreational Fees
 per cr hr\$9.00 & \$10.50 & \$2.00
 Books/ATI/Evalue/Complio.....Approx. \$2000.00
 Lab Fees\$40.00 - \$50.00/per lab
 Uniforms/Supplies.....\$125.00
 CPR Certification\$50.00 - \$75.00
 Physical Exam\$50.00 - \$75.00
 Immunizations..... \$0 - \$600.00
 Urine Drug Screen.....\$30.00
 Official Background Check.....\$50.00
 Health Record Check\$98.00
 Certified Nursing Assistant Course\$1000.00
 Medical Insurance \$20.00 - \$190.00/month
 Applies only if you are presently uninsured.

National Licensure:

Application\$90.00
 Exam\$200.00
 Fingerprinting Process.....\$50.00
 New Student Fee\$20.00
 Limited Entry Application Fee.....\$20.00
 Non-resident Fee\$4333.00 per semester

This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to nonresident students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours.

Accepted Students

Students accepted into the program will be required to show proof of CPR certification, health insurance, and immunization against COVID-19, Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Tetanus, and Diphtheria. In addition, proof of a negative two-step TB skin test and a negative urine drug screen will be required. A physical examination must also be completed. In addition, an official background check is also required. This documentation is due at the mandatory advising session held one week before classes begin each semester.

Accreditation by:

Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing
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 Atlanta, GA 30326
 (404) 975-5000

Full Approval Status by:

Nevada State Board of Nursing
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 Las Vegas, NV 89119



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