

Certificate Program

Program Information

The Practical Nursing certificate is a four-semester program that combines college coursework with nursing theory and practical experience in a variety of clinical settings. Students are introduced to the concepts of health promotion and health maintenance that reflect Dorothea Orem's self-care model. Students explore the theory of basic nursing care, pharmacology, disease process and specialty nursing. Students practice nursing skills in a simulated lab designed to model the clinical setting. Newly learned skills are then applied in clinical settings such as long-term care facilities and hospitals. Student practical nurses are exposed to a variety of departments within each setting to provide a better understanding of the care clients receive, and to expose students to potential career opportunities. These areas may include physical, occupational and respiratory therapy; maternity; pediatrics; behavioral health; and medical-surgical nursing. Students are encouraged to transfer seamlessly from the Practical Nursing program into SCC's Associate Degree in Nursing program.

Upon successfully completing this program, students should be able to:

- ▼ demonstrate introductory reasoning skills to solve basic problems;
- ▼ demonstrate basic proficiency in both written and verbal skills when interacting with colleagues, clients, providers or professionals;
- ▼ select appropriate scientific, behavior and cultural principles for the care of clients with basic needs in diverse settings;
- ▼ demonstrate awareness of ethical/legal principles related to basic practice and respond to implications in an ethical and legal manner;
- ▼ recognize essential knowledge, skills and values necessary for the provision and coordination of basic promotion and maintenance for individuals, family, groups and specialized populations;
- ▼ demonstrate introductory researching skills, choosing appropriate Web-based information and applying the information for a specific purpose;
- ▼ acknowledge that education and learning are life-long processes; and
- ▼ demonstrate preparedness to take National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN).

Practical Nursing

Credits

Prerequisites

<input type="checkbox"/>	BIO	220	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIO	221	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENG	101	English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH	130	Nursing Math	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH	134	Introduction to Nursing	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSY	111	Human Growth and Development	<u>3</u>
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First Semester

<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH	170	Pharmacology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH	178	Nursing Fundamentals	10
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH	179	Nursing Fundamentals Practicum	<u>5</u>
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Second Semester

<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH	188	Medical-Surgical Nursing	10
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH	189	Medical-Surgical Practicum	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH	198	Specialties	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH	199	Specialties Practicum	<u>2</u>
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Total Credits: 60

N.J. General Education Component for Practical Nursing

Communication:	ENG 101
Math/Science/Computer Technology:	not required
Social Science:	PSY 111
Humanities:	not required
History:	not required
Cultural/Global Awareness:	not required