

NURSING - PRACTICAL, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

NMC Code 010

Northwestern Michigan College's Practical Nursing (PN) program is a certificate program that consists of two semesters of nursing classes after prerequisites are met. It is designed to give the student the knowledge and skills which will certify them to be eligible to take the National Council License Exam (NCLEX-PN). After successfully completing the NCLEX-PN exam, graduates are able to enter the work force in various health care settings. The program is approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing and accredited through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Licensed Practical Nurses often work in offices, long-term care, and home health care facilities.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements include the following:

- Completion of the admission process for the pre-Practical Nursing AGS Degree for NMC.
- Transfer students must submit official transcripts to determine eligibility.
- Completion of prerequisite requirements.

The PN program has a wait list admission process. Detailed information, including deadlines can be found on the NMC website under Nursing – Practical. Space in the nursing program is limited. Completion of prerequisites does not guarantee admission to the nursing program. Students will be placed on the wait list only after all prerequisite requirements are complete and eligibility has been met. It is recommended that students create a plan to complete prerequisite requirements with the Advising Department.

Requirements

Prerequisite Requirements

Prerequisite requirements include the following:

- 2.5 overall GPA or higher ("Nursing GPA" is calculated by including all NMC courses and transfer courses that count toward the ADN degree).
- ENG 111 English Composition (2.0 grade or higher)
- BIO 227 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (2.5 grade or higher. Must have been completed within five years of program entry, or successfully complete a competency exam if the class is older than five years.)
- Math Competency: Placement into MTH 121 College Algebra or higher with qualifying test scores or completion of MTH 111 Intermediate Algebra (2.0 grade or higher. Must have been completed within five years of program entry.)

The nursing department enforces a repeat policy that states: Any math and/or science class may only be repeated once. This includes fails, drops, withdrawals or transferred classes (effective June 1, 2012).

General Information

- Current CPR certification, a physical examination indicating good mental and physical health, immunization records, criminal background checks and drug screens are required by the start of the program. Nursing students are responsible for the costs associated with these tasks.
- The Board of Nursing may deny graduates the ability to take the licensure exam for a previous felony conviction, previous treatment for drug or alcohol abuse, or after finding the existence of one or more grounds for board action listed in 333.16221 of the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978.
- The clinical facilities used by NMC have the right to accept or reject a student. This action could result in a student being delayed or unable to complete the nursing program. This decision may be made just prior to the clinical rotation.
- Nursing students must adhere to the policies referenced in the Nursing Program Policy Manual associated with their admission semester. If a student is readmitted due to a program fail, they must adhere to the policies referenced in the Nursing Program Policy Manual associated with their readmission semester.
- Nursing program tuition is charged by the contact hour.
- All nursing courses must be completed within five years of taking the first nursing class.

Certificate Requirements

| Course | Title | Credits |
|------------------------------|---|-----------|
| ENG 111 | English Composition | 4 |
| Math competency ¹ | | 4 |
| BIO 227 & 227L | Human Anatomy & Physiology I and Human Anatomy & Phys I Lab | 4 |
| BIO 228 & 228L | Human Anatomy & Physiology II and Human Anatomy & Phys II Lab | 4 |
| HNR 101 | Fundamentals of Nursing-Lectur | 4 |
| HNR 102 | Fund of Nursing-Clinical | 4 |
| HNR 106 | Pharmacology I | 1 |
| HNR 107 | Pharmacology II | 2 |
| HNR 125 | Lifespan Nursing Lecture | 5 |
| HNR 126 | Lifespan Nursing-Clinical | 5 |
| HNR 145 | Practical Nursing Roles & Issu | 1 |
| HAH 100C | Informatics Essentials | 1 |
| HPD 110 | BLS for Health Care Providers ^{2, 3} | (0.2) |
| Total Credits | | 39 |

¹ Placement into MTH 121 College Algebra **or** higher, **or** completion of MTH 111 Intermediate Algebra

² Equivalent course is AHA Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers

³ These credits do not count toward degree requirements.

Note: A 2.5 grade or higher is required in all Nursing (HNR and HAH) courses. Nursing course completion with a grade less than 2.5 is considered a course fail and requires readmission. Failing more than one HNR or HAH nursing course will result in nursing program dismissal.

Course Sequence Guide

Prerequisites

| Course | Title | Credits |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| ENG 111 | English Composition | 4 |
| BIO 227 | Human Anatomy & Physiology I | 4 |
| MTH 111 | Intermediate Algebra | 4 |
| Total Credits | | 12 |

Model Schedule

| Course | Title | Credits |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Fall | | |
| HAH 100C | Informatics Essentials | 1 |
| HNR 101 | Fundamentals of Nursing-Lectur | 4 |
| HNR 102 | Fund of Nursing-Clinical | 4 |
| HNR 106 | Pharmacology I | 1 |
| The following courses will be added to Fall Semester if not taken prior to admission: | | 4 |
| HPD 110 | BLS for Health Care Providers (CPR) | |
| BIO 228 | Human Anatomy & Physiology II | |
| Credits | | 14 |
| Spring | | |
| HNR 125 | Lifespan Nursing Lecture | 5 |
| HNR 126 | Lifespan Nursing-Clinical | 5 |
| HNR 107 | Pharmacology II | 2 |
| HNR 145 | Practical Nursing Roles & Issu | 1 |
| Credits | | 13 |
| Total Credits | | 27 |

Program Total 39