

# 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 Licensure Exam (NCLEX-PN). After successfully completing the NCLEX-PN exam, graduates are able to enter the workforce in various healthcare 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 indicating Pre-Practical Nursing as Program of Study.
- Transfer students must submit official transcripts to determine eligibility in addition to a letter of good academic standing from previous Director of Nursing, if applicable.
- Completion of prerequisite requirements.
- Completion of admission assessment.

The PN program has a waitlist 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 waitlist 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
- 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.)
- BIO 228 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (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 or MTH 120 Mathematical Explorations (2.0 grade or higher. Must have been completed within five years of program entry.)

### General Information

- Current CPR certification, a physical examination indicating good mental and physical health, immunization records, criminal background checks and drug screens are required prior to the start of the program. Nursing students are responsible for the costs associated with these program requirements.
- 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 failure, 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 <sup>1</sup>		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 <sup>2,3</sup>	(0.2)
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

<sup>1</sup> Placement into MTH 121 College Algebra *or* higher, *or* completion of MTH 111 Intermediate Algebra or MTH 120 Mathematical Explorations.

<sup>2</sup> Equivalent course is AHA or ARC Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers

<sup>3</sup> 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
BIO 228	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
MTH 111 or MTH 120	Intermediate Algebra Mathematical Explorations	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

### Model Schedule

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Fall</b>		
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 course will be added to Fall Semester if not taken prior to admission:**

HPD 110	BLS for Health Care Providers (CPR)	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>10</b>

<b>Spring</b>		
HNR 125	Lifespan Nursing Lecture	5
HNR 126	Lifespan Nursing-Clinical	5
HNR 107	Pharmacology II	2
HNR 145	Practical Nursing Roles & Issu	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>23</b>

**Program Total 39**