



## Practical Nursing, Diploma - 40 credits

Program Area: Health (Fall 2025)

**THE ELECTRONIC PROGRAM APPLICATION AND DATES MAY BE FOUND ON THE LSC WEBSITE.**

### Program Description

The Practical Nursing Program is a two-semester diploma program. This program blends theory with practical application through clinical placement, skills development, and simulation. Upon completion of this program, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Once licensed, graduates of this program are eligible to apply to LSC's Nursing AS Advanced Standing LPN Track to further their education in nursing.

### Program Outcomes

- Demonstrate an awareness of diversity and inclusion, respecting and valuing diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences.
- Employ clinical judgment in client care situations to ensure health care quality and safety.
- Collaborate in supporting client care through the utilization of information technology.
- Communicate professionally and work collaboratively to enhance client outcomes.
- Operate within the scope of practice for the practical nurse following legal, ethical, and regulatory frameworks.

### Pre-Program Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
ALTH 1410	Medical Terminology*	1	
BIOL 1000	Human Body in Health and Disease *	5	
or BIOL 1005 and BIOL 1140	or Introduction to Cell Biology and Human Anatomy and Physiology I*	1 4	
and BIOL 1141	and Human Anatomy and Physiology II*	4	
ENGL 1106	College Composition I*	3	

### Required Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
NUPN 1410	Adult Nursing I	4	
NUPN 1420	PN Technical Skills I	3	
NUPN 1430	Medication Concepts	3	
NUPN 1540	Gerontology in Nursing	2	
NUPN 1458	Practical Nursing Clinical I	1	
NUPN 1468	Practical Nursing Clinical II	3	
NUPN 1500	Nursing Trends	1	
NUPN 1510	Adult Nursing II	4	
NUPN 1440	Psychosocial Nursing	2	
NUPN 1520	PN Technical Skills II	1	
NUPN 1531	Maternal/Child Nursing	2	
NUPN 1538	Maternal/Child Clinical	1	
NUPN 1558	Practical Nursing Clinical III	2	
NUPN 1568	Practical Nursing Clinical IV	2	

**Total credits** **40**

**\*\*NUPN courses must be passed at a "B" or higher.**

**\*Indicates courses used to calculate program minimum cumulative GPA requirement of 2.4 to enter the program.**

**Courses may require a prerequisite. Refer to the course outline or check with an advisor.**

Note: BIOL 1005, BIOL 1140, and BIOL 1141 are required for progression to Associate Degree Nursing

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Admission to the Practical Nursing program is competitive. It is based on the GPA requirement for pre-program courses and the TEAS Exam score.

- Minimum cumulative GPA requirement of 2.4 for all pre-program courses. Courses may require a prerequisite. Refer to specific course descriptions or check with an advisor.
  - ATI TEAS Exam with a score at or above 58.6% is required for program entry.
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## Pre-program Requirements

Successful entry into this program requires a specific level of skill in the areas of English, reading, and mathematics. Program entry will depend, in part, on meeting the prerequisites listed below.

### English/Reading:

- Eligible for ENGL 1106 – College Composition I, or
- Completion of ENGL/READ 0950/0955 (or equivalent or higher). ENGL/READ 0950/0955 may not be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework.

### Mathematics:

- Eligible for MATH 0950/0955 - Essentials of Mathematics: Intermediate/Advanced.

There are other ways to qualify. Visit [Course Placement](https://lsc.edu/course-placement) (lsc.edu/course-placement) to find out more.

## Once accepted into the practical nursing program, the following must be completed prior to the start of first semester program classes:

- Current immunizations and current negative Tuberculosis (TB) screening.
- Current certification in American Heart Association: BLS Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross: BLS/CPR for Healthcare Providers and First Aid is required upon acceptance into the nursing program. ALTH 1430 will satisfy this requirement.
- Background Study approval is required from the State of Minnesota and, in some cases, Wisconsin. A National criminal background study is also required. It is suggested that applicants review a list of [disqualifying offenses](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/245C.15) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/245C.15>).

## Program Approval/Accreditation

The Practical Nursing Program at Lake Superior College is approved by the MN Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN).

The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. is located at 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, in Atlanta, Georgia 30326. For more information, visit [ACEN's website](http://www.acenursing.org/) (http://www.acenursing.org/)

## Program Articulation

For additional information on the most current list of [articulation agreements](#) and [Broad Field agreements](#)

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For more information about the Practical Nursing Program including course descriptions, course prerequisites, the program report, and potential career opportunities see the [program website](https://www.lsc.edu/degrees/practical-nursing-diploma/) (https://www.lsc.edu/degrees/practical-nursing-diploma/), contact the [professional advising team](mailto:advising@lsc.edu) (advising@lsc.edu) at 218-733-7601, or [Tracy Moshier](mailto:tracy.moshier@lsc.edu) (tracy.moshier@lsc.edu), Director of the Practical Nursing Program, at 218-733-5958.

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