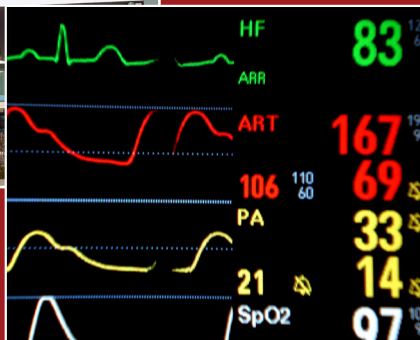


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PRACTICAL NURSING



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Practical Nursing

An Occupational Certificate is offered to prepare students for entry into the field of health care as a Practical Nurse.

The Practical Nursing Certificate program is designed as a three-semester course of study; a five-semester evening/weekend program also is available. Learning takes place in classroom, clinical and laboratory settings. The successful graduate will possess the fundamental nursing knowledge and skills necessary to function as a member of the health care team as a Practical Nurse, as defined in the Illinois Nurse Practice Act.

EMPLOYMENT POSSIBILITIES

The certificate program is approved by the Illinois Dept. of Professional Regulation. Successful PN graduates will be prepared to assume responsibility for nursing care of clients as a beginning practitioner. Graduates will be prepared for employment in a variety of community settings, including hospitals, clinics, skilled care and long-term care facilities, residential care facilities, community health agencies, governmental agencies and other facilities.

PRACTICAL NURSING

Practical Nursing Certificate Program

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

Two prerequisite courses are required prior to beginning the PN program. A grade of "C" or better must be achieved:

ENGL 1101	Rhetoric and Composition I ¹	3
CNA 1201	Certified Nurse Assistant ²	7

¹ Prerequisite course(s) may be required based on results of COMPASS, ASSET, ACT or SAT scores

² Pending Illinois Community College Board approval

NOTE: Reading course(s) may be required

First Semester		Cr. Hrs.
PNUR 1202	Body Structure and Function	3
PNUR 1204	Nursing the Geriatric Patient	2
PNUR 1205	Nursing the Child	3
PNUR 1206	Maternal Nursing	3
PNUR 1214	Basic Nursing Skills	1
PNUR 1215	Advanced Nursing Skills	<u>5</u>
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Second Semester		Cr. Hrs.
PNUR 1207	Nutrition	1
PNUR 1208	Nursing Perspectives	3
PNUR 1210	Medications	3
PNUR 1211	Nursing the Adult	<u>11</u>
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Third Semester		Cr. Hrs.
PNUR 1212	Nursing the Adult	8

(43 semester hours required)

Each course in the PN curriculum must be completed with a grade of "C" or better to meet program requirements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Submit a completed RLC application form.
- Provide proof of graduation from an accredited high school or submit proof of having successfully completed the GED exam.
- Submit official transcripts from all high schools (or official GED test scores) and post-secondary institutions attended.
- Be at least 17 years of age.
- Achieve a competitive score on the pre-entrance exam for the Practical Nursing program.
- Attend an advisement meeting with the Division Chairperson and/or a faculty member.
- Successfully complete ENGL 1101 with the grade of "C" or better.
- Provide proof of sound health as certified by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.
- Provide documentation of health screenings and immunizations as required by clinical facilities.
- Demonstrate current competency in American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR.
- Submit to and pass a background check.
- Provide proof of current health insurance.
- Successfully pass a test dealing with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.
- Accept provisions of the Rend Lake College Allied Health Division's Substance Abuse Policy. Students will be required to submit to a drug screening test as per policy.

TESTING INFORMATION

The pre-entrance exam is a standardized test encompassing reading and verbal skills and basic math knowledge. Testing is scheduled at intervals throughout the year. Prospective students should contact the Allied Health Division for details.

TRAVEL

PN students attend classes on campus. Clinical rotations require travel to Southern Illinois clinical facilities.

EXPENSES

- Pre-entrance exam fee
- Fees (lab / insurance)
- Transportation costs
- Uniforms / shoes for clinical rotations
- Physical exam, immunizations / lab tests
- Background check fee
- Personal health insurance coverage
- Application fee for NCLEX-PN exam
- Tuition
- Books
- Graduation fee

LICENSURE ELIGIBILITY

Upon graduation, the student will be eligible to apply to write the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses). Completion of the program is not a guarantee of PN licensure.

FINANCIAL AID

The college tries to assist individuals who demonstrate financial need, and in most cases, financial aid is available. The college has been approved as a participating institution for grants made by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and also is approved for federal student aid programs, including veterans benefits. Locally endowed scholarships are available to full-time students through the RLC Foundation.