

## PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE – M064

Contact: Health and Natural Science Division Office at 413-552-2467

Nursing is the art and science of caring. Nursing is an interpersonal process based on values, beliefs and standards of the profession. Nursing is a profession which utilizes nursing knowledge and principles from the humanities and the biological, behavioral and social sciences to assist individuals, groups and communities in promoting, maintaining and restoring health.

The HCC Practical Nursing Program is approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

### **\*\*\* CRIMINAL OFFENSE RECORD INFORMATION ACT (CORI) AND SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY INFORMATION (SORI) STATE STATUTES THAT REGULATE LICENSURE AS A LICENCED PRACTICAL NURSE. \*\*\***

**CORI and SORI are state statutes that regulate licensure as a licenced practical nurse.** Prior to official enrollment and at the beginning of each semester in Nursing Programs, all accepted applicants and students must give permission for CORI and a SORI check. Some clinical agencies prohibit clinical participation if there is a finding when the CORI check is complete. Participation in planned clinical experiences throughout the curriculum is required; however, acceptance into the program does not guarantee placement in a clinical agency. All applicants and nursing students will be subject to the Criminal Record Information Act (CORI check), the Sex Offender Registry Information Act (SORI), Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 6, Section 172-178, and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 18a, Section 1, et seq., and regulations promulgated pursuant to such statutes. Court record/past conviction may present a barrier to eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse (RN) or as a licensed practical nurse (LPN). Applicants with a court record/past conviction are advised to consult an attorney to determine eligibility to meet legal qualifications for nurse licensure in Massachusetts.

All applicants for licensure as RN or LPN must be of “good moral character” as required by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing statutes and regulations. The licensure applicant must have had no criminal convictions for a minimum of five (5) years before the date of submission of the license application and must have successfully completed all court ordered stipulations a minimum of one (1) year before the applicant will be considered for licensure by the Board (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 112, ss.74, 74A, and 76). Refer to [http:// www.state.ma.us/boards/rn/](http://www.state.ma.us/boards/rn/) for further information.

The **Practical Nursing Certificate Program Application** for the PN Program can be found either by contacting the Admissions office (413-552- 2321) or by going to the HCC website: <http://www.hcc.edu>. Students must achieve a minimum grade of C+ in all nursing, and laboratory sciences (A&P 1 and 2) to remain in and graduate from this program.

Students accepted to an educational program that prepares for licensure as a practical nurse should be aware that a court record may present a barrier to her/his ability to obtain licensure in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and other jurisdictions in the United States.

### **Drug Screening Policy**

Several Health Care Facilities affiliated with the College’s Health Division are now requiring that students have a negative drug screen prior to beginning clinical experiences in their facility. In addition, a clinical facility may require the student to submit and pass random drug screening analysis in order to remain at that facility. Therefore, passing a drug screen will now be considered a Technical Standard for all students participating in the Health Division Programs. If a student fails drug screening, retesting occurs within 24 hours of notification of results. Failure to pass a drug screen or refusal to submit to screening will make the student ineligible for clinical placement. Failure and/or refusal for drug screening are grounds for immediate removal from the Health Division Program. Students will be provided with the drug screen procedure during the orientation process to each course. All screening will be at the student’s own expense. The Work Connection at Holyoke Medical Center has been selected as the Division of Health’s exclusive laboratory for student drug testing. Appointments will be scheduled by the nursing department.

All applicants must meet the following requirements at the time of their application:

- The **College Placement Testing (CPT)** must be completed within two years of application deadline demonstrating the following placement:
- **Math Proficiency/Placement:**  $\geq 82$  in Algebra or completion of MTH 095 (Intermediate Algebra) with a C- or better from an accredited college or university.
- **English Proficiency/Placement:**  $\geq 70$  in Reading or  $\geq 80$  in Writing portion of the CPT or ability to enter college-level coursework in English. English competency may also be demonstrated through college coursework (completion of English Composition I). *Please see the information packet for further details if English is not your first language or if you did not attend K through 12 in the U.S.*
- **Science Proficiency:** Completion of Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology II. Please note that the HCC Biology department requires the successful completion (C or better) of BIO 100, or 103 prior to taking Anatomy and Physiology. The pre-requisite may be waived by passing the Biology Challenge exam. Completion of Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology II prior to the application deadline is strongly encouraged.

Applicants to the Practical Nursing Program are reminded that transportation is the responsibility of the student. Since clinical experiences are scheduled at various times, students must plan for and meet the irregular time requirements as well as for their own transportation. The Board of Registration in Nursing mandates a minimum number of hours for practical nursing students (CMR 244-6.00(4)(b) 4). Therefore, a student may be withdrawn from the program for failing to meet the attendance policy. Applicants currently working in a healthcare field can petition to lengthen the time that their laboratory science coursework is transferable to 14 years by completing the **Laboratory Science Petition Form** in the **Practical Nursing Certificate Program Application**. This application can be found either on-line at the HCC website under "Admissions" or at the Welcome Center on campus.

Please see the **Practical Nursing Certificate Program Application** for other important information concerning required documentation and requirements for admission. The HCC Practical Nursing Program is approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

#### **Program Outcomes**

1. 90% of the students graduating from the PN program will pass the NCLEX-PN on the first attempt.
2. The graduates will rank in the 80th percentile or better in the NCLEX-PN State and National Standing.
3. 90% of the graduates of the nursing education program will be employed in nursing within one year of graduation.
4. 85% of the graduate surveys returned will indicate that the nursing education program was satisfactory in preparation for the entry into nursing practice in a variety of health care settings.
5. 85% of employer surveys returned will indicate satisfaction with graduate performance in the workplace.

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COURSE TITLE	COURSE NUMBER	PREREQUISITES	Co-REQUISITES	CREDITS	SEMESTER TAKEN	GRADE
<b>PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup></b>				<b>44</b>		
Human Anatomy and Physiology I	BIO 217	A “C” grade or better in BIO 100 (including lab) or BIO 103 or a passing grade on the challenge exam		4		
Human Anatomy and Physiology II	BIO 218	BIO 217		4		
Nutrition	NTR 101	Eligibility for ENG 101		3		
Pharmacology I	PHM 171	Acceptance into the PN program	NUR/PNR 170, NUR/PNR 172	1		
Pharmacology II	PHM 181	NUR/PNR 170, NUR/PNR 172, PHM 171	NUR/PNR 180	1		
Human Development	PSY 216	PSY 110		3		
Fundamentals of Nursing	NUR/PNR 170	Acceptance into the PN program	NUR/PNR 172, PHM 171	9		
Role Development 1	NUR/PNR 172	Acceptance into the PN program	NUR/PNR 170, PHM 171	2		
Health Promotion and Maintenance Across the Life Span	NUR/PNR 180	PNR 182, NTR 101	PHM 181	9		
Practical Nurse Role Development 2	PNR 182	NUR/PNR 170, PHM 171, NUR/PNR 172		2		
Practical Nursing Acute & Complex Care	PNR 190	PHM 181, NUR/PNR 180		<u>3</u>		
Introduction to Psychology	PSY 110	Eligibility for ENG 101		3		
Total Credits				44		

NOTES:

<sup>1</sup> All candidates must achieve a C+ or better in all NURSING and laboratory science courses (A&P 1 and 2) to remain in the Program.

For additional information go to [www.hcc.edu](http://www.hcc.edu)