

PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE – M064

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The Practical Nursing Certificate prepares students to provide culturally sensitive practical nursing care to individuals, families, or significant others. Students learn to identify and meet the self-care needs that sustain life and health, assist with recovery, recover from disease or injury, find meaning in the illness or provide appropriate, supportive and meaningful care at the conclusion of life. Clients are cared for in hospitals, extended care facilities and other health care agencies. Students who successfully complete the program (M064) will be eligible to take the NCLEX-PN exam to become Practical nurses (PNs).

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

Prior to official enrollment and each semester in Nursing Programs all accepted applicants and students must give permission for CORI and SORI checks. 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. 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/> for further information.

The **Practical Nursing Certificate Program Application Packet** for the PN Program can be found either by contacting the Welcome Center (ext. 2000) or by going to the HCC website: <http://www.hcc.edu>. Students must achieve a minimum grade of C+ in all nursing, math (pre-requisite) and science courses to remain in and graduate from this program.

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: **(1) Math Proficiency/Placement:** ≥ 82 in Algebra or completion of MTH 095 (Intermediate Algebra) with a C+ or better from an accredited college or university. **(2) English Proficiency/Placement:** ≥ 70 in Reading or ≥ 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 no your first language or if you did not attend K through 12 in the U.S.*

RECOMMENDED:

(3) Science Proficiency: Completion of BIO 111 *Human Biology*, or completion of H&P I and II. Please note that the HCC Biology department requires the successful completion (C or better) of BIO 100, or 103 or BIO 107 prior to taking Anatomy and Physiology. The pre-requisite may be waived by passing the Biology Challenge exam. Completion of BIO 111 or A&PI and A&PII 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 Packet. This packet 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 Packet for other important information concerning required documentation and requirements for admission.

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

Term/Grade	Course Number	Course Name	Course Credits	
	PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS¹			42
_____	BIO 111	Human Biology	4	
_____	PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	
_____	PSY 216	Human Development	3	
_____	PNR 100	Success in Practical Nursing	1	
_____	PNR 120	Introduction to Practical Nursing	1	
_____	PNR 130	Issues and Trends in Practical Nursing	1	
_____	PNR140	Introduction to Self Care and Nursing for Practical Nurses	10	
_____	PNR 145	Practical Nursing College Lab	2	
_____	PNR 155	Nursing Care as it Relates to Self-Care of the Ill or Injured Child or Adult	11	
_____	PNR 160	Practical Nursing College Lab	2	
_____	PNR 165	Nursing Care as it Relates to the Self-Care Developmental Needs of Children and Adults	4	
		Total Credits		42

NOTES:

- The Transfer Policy for the Practical Nursing Certificate Program is identical to that of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, found on the preceding pages.

¹ All candidates must achieve a C+ or better in all NURSING and laboratory science courses to remain in the Program.

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.**