

HEALTH & EDUCATION

PRACTICAL NURSING

Delivery: Daytime Classes

Start: Summer, Fall or Spring Semester, Full-Time

AWARDS

Practical Nursing Diploma 43 cr.

MAJOR DESCRIPTION

The program equips graduates with the knowledge and skill set to administer safe, ethical, patient-centered nursing care in traditional and alternative health care settings. The Practical Nurse (PN) role within the nursing process is taught through classroom learning, simulated client care, and instructor-supervised clinical experiences in health care settings.

Employment in this field typically requires successful completion of the NCLEX-PN licensing exam.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Graduates of the Practical Nurse program must pass the NCLEX examination to become licensed. Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), provide direct patient care under the supervision of a registered nurse (RN), advanced practice nurse (APN), physician’s assistant (PA), or physician (MD). Potential employers include hospitals, long-term care facilities, health care clinics, schools, home health agencies, and homes for special populations.

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

- Clinic Nurse
- Hospital Staff Nurse
- Charge Nurse
- Home Health Nurse
- Nursing Technician
- Office Nurse

SALARY DATA

See latest data at careerwise.minnstate.edu.

- Average Wage: \$28.51/hour
- Top Earners: \$30.23/hour

PROGRAM APPROVAL

The Practical Nursing program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing.



Dakota County Technical College
Practical Nursing Program is accredited
by the National League for Nursing
Commission for Nursing Education
Accreditation (NLN CNEA) located at
2600 Virginia Ave. NW, Washington, DC
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Scan the QR code for more program information and specific program costs. This program has specific admissions requirements and additional program costs.



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DIPLOMA

All PNSG courses must be taken in the sequence below.
Please contact your program advisor with questions.

First Semester **14 cr**

HEAL1061	Nursing Assistant	4
HEAL1101	Anatomy and Physiology	4
HEAL1150	Health Career Mathematics	1
HEAL1501	Medical Terminology for Nursing	1
PSYC1350	Lifespan Development.	4

Second Semester **15 cr**

(Second application is required before starting this semester)

PNSG1010	Foundations of Nursing Practice	4
PNSG1355	Pharmacology	3
PNSG1400	Adult Health I	4
PNSG1600	Clinical I	4

Third Semester **14 cr**

PNSG1410	Adult Health II.	4
PNSG1620	Clinical II.	4
PNSG1755	Behavioral Health Concepts.	2
PNSG1805	Maternal and Child Health	2
PNSG2001	Nursing Capstone.	2

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 43

Nursing students are required to obtain a C or higher in all PNSD and general education courses.



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