

PRACTICAL NURSING (PN)

PN 101 Fundamentals of Practical Nursing (6 credits)

In this course, students use the nursing process in the role of the practical nurse to assess, plan, implement, and begin to evaluate the care of an older adult client based on established nursing diagnoses, nursing protocols, and assessment and evaluation data. The core concepts of safety, caring, teamwork and collaboration are woven throughout the course. Course includes 45 lecture hours, 30 laboratory hours, and 90 clinical hours. Usually offered in the spring semester. Course fee.

Prerequisite(s): (BIO 203) and (ENG 101) and (PSY 101)

PN 103 Contemporary Practical Nursing (1 credit)

In this course, students begin to identify with the role of the practical nurse, gaining understanding of the nursing profession, legal and ethical nursing standards, and the complexities of the health care system. Usually offered in the spring semester.

Prerequisite(s): (BIO 203) and (ENG 101) and (PSY 101)

PN 107 Medical-Surgical Practical Nursing 1 (6 credits)

In this course, students use the nursing process to implement and formulate a client-centered plan of care for adult clients with acute or chronic health disorders. Students function effectively within the health care team in various health care settings in the role of the practical nurse. Students will organize and provide care, advocate for the client, and support a culture of safety and quality improvement. Students build a personal practice of professionalism through evidence-based clinical practice and theory application. Usually offered in the summer semester. Course fee.

Prerequisite(s): (PN 101) and (PN 103) and (BIO 204)

PN 111 Mental Health Practical Nursing (3 credits)

In this course, students use the nursing process to implement a plan of care for clients with mental health issues. Students organize and provide care that incorporates concepts of therapeutic communication, shared-decision making, and evidence-based practice to effectively support health promotion and maintenance of the client in the role of the practical nurse. An emphasis is placed on legal and ethical standards in the mental health setting. Students are challenged to reflect on their own assumptions, behaviors, and methods of communication. Usually offered in the summer. Course fee.

Prerequisite(s): (PN 101) and (BIO 204) and (PN 103)

PN 113 Maternal-Pediatric Practical Nursing (5 credits)

In this course, students use the nursing process to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate care for the health and wellness needs of childbearing families and pediatric clients and their families based on established nursing diagnoses, nursing protocols and assessment and evaluation data. The core concepts of safety, caring, teamwork, and collaboration are woven throughout the course. Usually offered in the fall semester. Course fee.

Prerequisite(s): (PN 107) and (PN 111)

PN 117 Medical-Surgical Practical Nursing 2 (6 credits)

In this course, students use the nursing process to coordinate a client-centered plan of care for adult clients with acute or chronic health disorders in various health care settings. Students consider safety, quality improvement, leadership and management concepts, and their application to teamwork and collaboration within the role of the practical nurse as they manage care to meet a client's physical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs. Integrity and accountability are essential components of students' nursing practice as they demonstrate competent care. Usually offered in the fall semester. Course fee.

Prerequisite(s): (PN 107) and (PN 111)