

Practical Nurse Program (PN)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Practical Nursing program consists of four semesters, which include both classroom and skills lab instruction and supervised clinical activities in accredited hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care agencies. Upon successful completion of the first semester of the Practical Nurse Program, students may be certified as nursing assistants.

The Practical Nursing program prepares students for employment in health care facilities, agencies, and hospitals where basic bedside nursing care is needed. The Licensed Practical Nurse works under the direction of a licensed physician, optometrist, or dentist acting individually or as a part of a health care team under the direction of a registered nurse.

Design of the curriculum has been developed utilizing the nursing process, incorporating the concepts of hierarchy of needs, stress and adaptation, creative problem-solving and psychosocial development. Program length is approximately 16 months. Students are admitted twice each year in August and January.

Upon satisfactory completion of the program, the student is prepared to sit for the National Licensure Exam (NCLEX-PN) for Licensed Practical Nursing.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the Practical Nursing Program the student will be able to:

1. Describe the role of the LPN as specified by the nursing practice act and function within this scope.
2. Integrate spiritual, socioeconomic, and developmental concepts and values in providing individualized care for patients, families and groups experiencing common health problems.
3. Apply knowledge from biopsychosocial and nursing sciences as the basics for beginning practice as a practical nurse.
4. Utilize the specialized knowledge and skills within the framework of the nursing process to meet the health needs of people in a variety of settings under the direction of qualified health professionals.
5. Safeguard the confidential information acquired, from any source about the patient and her/his family or significant other.

6. Communicate with clients, families, significant others and other health team members in the delivery of healthcare.
7. Practice within the profession's legal scope and ethical boundaries to meet the healthcare needs of individuals, families and groups in a variety of health care settings.
8. Collaborate with other health team members to provide care for individuals in a variety of healthcare settings.
9. Assume responsibility for continuing the life long process of personal, professional and educational development.
10. Utilize appropriate knowledge, skills and abilities in providing safe, competent care in performing nursing functions.

Admission Requirements

1. Completion of an application and payment of an application fee; The application form is available at the OLOL College Health Career Institute, 5220 Essen Lane, or from the Office of Admissions, 7434 Perkins Road
2. Graduation from high school with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or better; OR completion of a high school equivalency diploma (General Education Development-GED) with an average score of 500 or better
3. Submission of ACT scores
4. Completion of letter of application describing the student's unique attributes and reasons for seeking this educational program
5. Provide a certified copy of birth certificate or possess a valid United States passport

Information about the individuality of the applicant and past academic performance will be considered by the admissions committee. The College may also consider program demand and availability of clinical resources when making admission decisions.

Once accepted into the PN Program, the student must complete the following requirements before the start of the first semester:

1. Completion of new clinical student Health and Safety Packet. Students will not be allowed to attend class until this requirement is met.
2. Fingerprint and criminal background check by Louisiana State Police. The Louisiana State board of Practical Nurse Examiners reserves the right to deny a student admission to clinical nursing courses based upon results of a preliminary criminal record check. Students will not be allowed to attend class until this requirement is met.
3. Applicant must not be currently serving under any court imposed order of supervised probation, work-release or parole in connection with any felony conviction(s), plea agreement or any agreement pursuant to the Louisiana Code of Criminal procedure, Article 893.

Additional Information related to the Admission Process

1. A high school transcript can be obtained from the student's high school. A student should contact her/his high school to obtain an official transcript and to have it sent to OLOL College Admissions at 7434 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. Alternatively, GED certificate can be obtained from the school district in which the student tested.
2. ACT website: www.act.org to request scores or register for exam; use school code 1621.
3. A certified copy of a Louisiana birth certificate can be obtained in person. Students may submit a written request to Vital Records Registry, P O Box 60630, New Orleans, LA 70160. The fee for each birth certificate is \$15.00; information required is full name, date of birth, name of parents, and location of birth.

A student's application will be acted upon when all information is received.

Deadline for receipt of completed admission forms and documents is July 1st for August admission and Dec. 1st for Spring. Although applications must be received by the deadline, applicants are encouraged to submit their application and all documentation as soon as possible prior to the deadline to ensure ample time for processing. Once all information has been received, students will be notified of their status.

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM
Effective August 2007

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CURRICULUM PLAN

			HOURS	CREDIT HOURS	THEORY LAB	CLINICAL HOURS	CLINICAL TOTAL
ACSM	1110	Academic Seminar*	1	15			
CHEM	1310	Introduction to Chemistry*	3	40			
HCCS	1110	Intro to Computers	1	15			
HCMT	1110	Medical Terminology	1	15			
HCLP	1710	Intro to Health Care	2	50	45		
HCLP	1715	Geriatric Nursing	4	80	10	80	
HCMA	0010	Math for Pharmacology	1	15			
HCLP	1720	Pract Nsg & Nursing Process	3	55	14	36	
BIOL	2310	Anatomy and Physiology I*	3	40			
HCLP	1725	Pharmacology I	1	25			
HCLP	1730	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	3	50		120	
HCLP	1726	Pharmacology II	1	20			
HCLP	1731	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4	50		120	
HCLP	1735	IV Therapy	1	15	17	8	
BIOL	2311	Anatomy and Physiology II*	3	40			

HCLP	1732	Medical Surgical Nursing III	4	50		120
HCLP	1727	Pharmacology III	1	25		
HCLP	1740	Mental & Behavioral Health	2	30		40
BIOL	2320	Nutrition*	3	40		
HCLP	1745	Maternal/Newborn Nursing	2	40		40
HCLP	1750	Pediatrics	2	40		40
HCLP	1755	Nursing Transitions	7	95		160
				CREDIT	THEORY	LAB
						CLINICAL
		TOTAL	53	845	86	764
						TOTAL
						1695

*These Arts and Sciences Courses may be taken prior to gaining admission to the PN Program.

Note: All science courses must be successfully completed prior to the last semester of the program. All nursing courses must be completed in the sequence stated unless special permission is granted by program director.

Admission requirements for Advanced Standing:

1. Submit an application to the Admissions Office.
2. **Meet all requirements for initial admission to OLOL College Practical Nursing Program.**
3. Have withdrawn or left a previous Nursing Program in good standing.
4. Request an official transcript from the transferring institution.
5. Schedule a meeting with the Program Director.
6. Provide official Program Description, Curriculum Pattern, Course description, detailed course outline and skills list for all previous courses attempted. These documents are reviewed by faculty in consideration of advanced standing and proper class placement.
7. Courses or units considered for transfer credit must have been completed within four years of request for admission with advanced standing, with a minimum grade of 80% or "C".
8. Repeat all content from transferred courses, in which the student has failed or received a grade of 79.99 or less.
9. Successfully complete skills verification check off by Practical Nurse Faculty.
10. Basic and advanced math application will be evaluated both didactically and in the lab setting before full credit is given for previous clinical and lab hours.
11. In order to meet the requirements for graduation from OLOL students admitted with Advanced Standing must:
 - a) Complete a minimum of one full 15 week semester in residency at OLOL College Practical Nursing Program and have an overall 2.0 GPA.
 - b) Obtain a minimum grade of "C" or 80%, or better in all course work attempted.

Much of the communication between OLOL and the student will be via mail and email. It is your responsibility to notify the school of changes in your address.

The faculty's decision for advanced standing will depend upon the readiness of the student for entry into the program and space availability. There is no separate class for students with advanced standing. Placement is made into one of the ongoing classes after review, provided there is a vacancy.

Following evaluation of the transcript, previous program content and successfully meeting admission requirements for OLOL College, a proposed advanced standing plan is made if placement is possible. The plan must meet final approval of Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners before the student may register for courses.

All records of advanced standing, admission tests, course of study and program achievement will be maintained in the student file, in addition to those records maintained for regular students.

GRADUATION COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

Diploma for Practical Nursing is awarded when the following conditions have been met;

1. Completion of minimum of 1695 contact hours of study, with completion of the Nursing courses within four years from the time of first admission (Note: some students will not need Chemistry [40 hours] or Academic Seminar [15 hours]).
2. Achievement of a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher on all course work.
3. Completion of all required standardized achievement examinations.
4. Clearance of all indebtedness to the college including the return of all materials borrowed from the Learning Resources Center.
5. Fulfillment of the residency requirements of at least 400 contact hours in the curriculum established for Our Lady of the Lake College Practical Nurse Program.
6. Completion of college graduation forms and payment of graduation fees.
7. Completion of LSBPNE and NCLEX-PN registration forms and payment of related fees.
8. Attendance at Graduation is strongly recommended.

Licensure

Upon completion of the program the graduate is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). The examination is designed to test knowledge, skills and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of practical nursing at the entry level. Upon successful completion of this examination, the graduate becomes licensed to legally practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of Louisiana. Each graduate must apply to the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners for licensure.

The LSBPNE authorizes candidates to take the NCLEX-PN and provides the NCLEX registration form to the OLOL College Health Career Institute for distribution to students.

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners reserves the right to disapprove the taking of the NCLEX-PN by persons having had disciplinary action, arrest or impairment.

Applicants for licensure who have had a disciplinary action, arrest or impairment must provide documentation of the circumstances of the action, arrest or impairment to the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners. Questions regarding eligibility to take the examination should be directed to the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

