

Practical Nursing

Certificate

Why Practical Nursing?

The Practical Nursing (PN) program equips students with the skills needed for employment as a nurse within a year. Practical nursing is a three semester program, and those who complete the program are awarded a Practical Nursing Certificate. Graduates will also meet the educational requirements to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN) upon completion.

Why Bay College?

The [Practical Nursing certificate program](#) at Bay College prepares students to demonstrate entry-level competencies, providing basic nursing care to all age groups. This curriculum includes a background in the biological sciences, social sciences, general education, and nursing theory. Students will receive supervised clinical experiences in the hospitals, home health care agencies, long-term care facilities, physician's offices and within the high-tech simulation center on campus. A bridge program is also available at Bay College for LPNs who later desire to continue their education and attain a registered nursing degree and beyond.

Career Opportunities

Jobs in most areas of nursing are plentiful, fast-paced, and growing, with the employment rate nearing 100%! Entry level Licensed Practical Nurses may find employment in a variety of practice settings, including, but not limited to:

- **Acute Care Hospitals**
- **Clinics**
- **Long-term and Extended Care Facilities**
- **Physician's Offices**

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Practical Nurse, Certificate

Award Granted Upon Completion: Certificate in Practical Nursing
Credits/Contacts Required: 36/52

Major code: 04/472
CIP Code: 513901

General Education Requirements

Course #	Course Name	Cr
BIOL 213	Anatomy & Physiology I	4*
BIOL 214	Anatomy & Physiology II	4*
ENGL 101	Rhetoric & Composition	3*
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology	3*

Requirements (Min. 27 Credits)

Course #	Course Name	Cr
HLTH 140	Dosage Calculation	2*
NURS 101	Nursing Fundamentals	2
NURS 102	Nursing Fundamental Lab	2
NURS 107	Nursing Fundamental Clinics	2
NURS 114	PN Pharmacology I	2
NURS 117	Pharmacology II	2
NURS 127	PN Adult Health Nursing	4
NURS 128	PN Adult Health Nursing Clinic	2
NURS 141	PN Family Nursing: Introduction	4**

Suggested Sequences Per Semester

First Semester

Course #	Course Name	Cr/Ct
BIOL 213	Anatomy & Physiology I	4*
NURS 114	PN Pharmacology I	2
NURS 101	Nursing Fundamentals	2
NURS 102	Nursing Fundamental Lab	2
HLTH 140	Dosage Calculation	2*

Fall Semester Total - Credits: 12 | Contacts: 17

Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	Cr/Ct
BIOL 214	Anatomy & Physiology II	4*
NURS 107	Nursing Fundamental Clinics	2
NURS 117	Pharmacology II	2
NURS 127	PN Adult Health Nursing	4
NURS 128	PN Adult Health Nursing Clinic	2

Winter Semester Total - Credits: 14 | Contacts: 23

Third Semester

Course #	Course Name	Cr/Ct
NURS 141	PN Family Nursing: Introduction	4**
ENGL 101	Rhetoric & Composition	3*
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology	3*

Third Semester Total - Credits: 10 | Contacts: 12

Note(s)

*These courses may be taken prior to acceptance in program on a space available basis

**If any part of this course is failed, it is necessary to retake and pay for the entire course.

Entry level Licensed Practical Nurses may find employment in a variety of practice settings, including but not limited to: acute care hospitals, long term and extended term care facilities, clinics, and physician's offices. Jobs in most areas of nursing are plentiful, and employment rate is near 100%. The reported average yearly income in the state of Michigan is approximately \$42,000 for Licensed Nurses (U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics). Graduates may transfer all or part of credit/contact hours earned at Bay to several colleges and universities to pursue an Associate of Applied Science (A.D.N.) or Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree.

All students accepted into the Nursing program are required to purchase uniforms and liability insurance. The college makes arrangements for liability insurance. Prior to Fall entrance into the program, the Department of Allied Health requires students to successfully pass the following: criminal background check, a drug test, American Heart Association CPR Certification for the Healthcare Provider, and the Certification of Physical Fitness Form completed by your Physician. Along with the Certification of Fitness, students must also have proof they are immunized for specific contagious diseases. Facilities may have additional requirements, which a student will also need to meet. The Department of Allied Health orders your background check, drug screening and immunization tracker through www.certifiedprofile.com. This Certified Profile Package is billed in your first semester tuition.

Throughout the Practical Nurse program, students are required to take a variety of standardized learning assessments, which Bay College School of Nursing obtains via Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI), a national testing company. The cost for this testing is incurred by the students as an assessment fee charged over two semesters. Students will be scheduled to take HESI tests when they enter the program, throughout the program, and at program completion.

The PN Certificate Program is offered at the Escanaba Campus and at the Iron Mountain Campus every fall semester.