

Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate

Total Required Credits: 50 to 54

Code: 4160

About the Program

The Practical Nursing (PN) program prepares students to function under the direction of a licensed professional in a variety of health care settings. The curriculum integrates classroom, campus laboratory and clinical instruction to teach concepts and skills that the PN uses to contribute to the nursing care of patients. Completion of the program provides the foundation for continued education and career mobility in nursing. On successful completion of the PN program, the student is awarded a certificate and becomes eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination – Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN).

Program web site: www.cod.edu/nursing/pn

Health Sciences Admissions

The majority of Health Sciences programs require either a separate admissions process (in addition to the standard College of DuPage Admission Form) and/or the completion of specific prerequisites before acceptance into a program.

Program Notes

1. Enrollment in the PN program requires a separate admissions process. Admission into College of DuPage does not guarantee admission to the PN program. A program application and more information is available in the Health Sciences Admissions office, Student Resource Center (SRC), Room 2046, (630) 942-3924, www.cod.edu/hsadmissions.

Minimum admission requirements include the following:

a. Application: Submission of a program application and all required documents to the Health Sciences Admissions office, Student Resource Center (SRC), Room 2046, including a \$50 non-refundable application fee (payable by check only to “College of DuPage”).

b. Provide proof of a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certificate to practice in the State of Illinois that is less than five years old. If certification was obtained more than five years ago, applicants must provide a letter from their employer verifying continuous employment as a CNA within the last five years.

c. Prerequisite Coursework: Completion of Psychology 1100 and Psychology 2237, or equivalent, with a grade of “C” or better. Completion of Anatomy and Physiology (A&P) 1500 OR A&P 1551 and 1552 OR A&P 1571 and 1572, with a grade of “C” or better or current enrollment. NOTE: A&P 1500 does not qualify as a prerequisite for the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program for students

who plan to apply to that program in the future.

d. Transcripts: Submit official copies of transcripts from all colleges attended to the Records office, SRC 2015, (630) 942-3824. Students who have completed college coursework outside the United States must first submit their transcripts for a credentialing evaluation. Contact the Records office for more information.

e. Placement Tests: National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Test.

f. Attend a REQUIRED Practical Nursing Advising Session. For information about upcoming sessions, call (630) 942-3924 or visit: www.cod.edu/hsadmissions.

2. Provisional letters of acceptance for the PN program are mailed out to selected applicants. To enter the PN program, the following steps must be completed:

a. Pay a \$100 deposit fee (non-refundable), which will be applied to the first tuition bill.

b. Provide proof of CNA course completion, as well as passage of the State of Illinois certification exam.

c. Undergo a criminal background check, medical examination and mandatory drug screen (details to be provided in letter of acceptance).

d. Provide proof of completion of CPR for Health Care Providers.

e. Meet health requirements.

Certificate Requirements

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Psych 1100	General Psychology.....	3
Psych 2237	Developmental Psychology: The Life Span...3	
Anat& 1500	Survey of Human Anatomy and Physiology.4	
	OR	
Anat& 1551	Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4
	and	
Anat& 1552	Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....	4
	OR	
Anat& 1571	Anatomy and Physiology with Cadaver I	4
	and	
Anat& 1572	Anatomy and Physiology with Cadaver II... 4	
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