

Practical Nursing Diploma (DPN_NURP)

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Occupational Title: Practical Nurse, P.N.
Knight Campus, Warwick only

The Practical Nursing diploma and Associate Degree Nursing programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326; 404-975-5000.

Continuing Accreditation for Practical Nursing: Last evaluation visit September 27-29, 2011. Next evaluation visit in fall 2019.

Students who complete the Practical Nursing courses receive a diploma and are eligible to take the examination for licensure as a Practical Nurse (LPN). Students who complete first semester classes with the Practical Nurse program are eligible to take the examination for certification as a nursing assistant (CAN).

Applicants may earn credits before applying for diploma status, but they must consult with the Office of Enrollment Services: webadmission@ccri.edu or 401-825-2003. Classes can be taken at CCRI or any other accredited institution.

Technical Standards: The physical activity (strength) level for a licensed practical nurse (079.374-017) is classified as "medium" by the Department of Labor in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles.

Note: Some classes have prerequisites, corequisites and/or testing. See class descriptions on the next page.

IMPORTANT:

All requirements must be completed satisfactorily BEFORE an applicant can be offered acceptance. At the time of admission, the student must meet the current admission requirements of the program. Students declining acceptance into the program for the semester offered must reapply to the program and meet any admission requirements at the time of reapplication. Once accepted into the Practical Nurse program, students must attend an orientation conducted by Nursing Education.

GENERAL POLICIES:

See important general policies in the beginning of this section on the performance-based Health Sciences application process, academic progress, advanced placement, background check, CPR certification, health insurance, health records, reinstatement, transportation, uniforms and equipment..

Minimum requirements to apply for the Practical Nursing diploma

- CCRI application** – Complete and submit a CCRI Application for Enrollment. General Studies should be first choice; NURP should be second choice.
 - High school transcript** – Send an official high school transcript or GED® credential, including date of graduation. If the applicant holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college/university, the high school transcript may be waived. College transcript must indicate completion and degree awarded.
 - Placement testing** – Earn English placement test results (ACCUPLACER) issued by CCRI's Department of Advising and Counseling:
 - Reading comprehension competency of 90 or higher OR complete ENGL 0890: Critical Reading with a B- or better.
 - Math competency of 65 or higher OR MATH 0500: Fundamentals of Mathematics with a B- or better.
 - ENGL 1010** – Complete ENGL 1010: Composition 1 with a grade of C or better. ENGL 1300: Composition 1 for Speakers of English as a Second Language is not a substitute for ENGL 1010.
 - HESI A² admission test** – Students must receive a score of 70 percent or higher in each category. We highly recommend students meet with Advising and Counseling before taking the HESI A². If students do not receive at least 70 percent, they may retake the test once within the next 12 months, and a minimum of two weeks is required between tests. HESI A² test preparation sessions are available through CCRI Student Success Centers. **HESI A² scores do not expire.**
 - Health Sciences application** – Only after completing steps 1-5, complete and submit a performance-based Health Sciences application, including a preadmission degree evaluation.
 - Submission of a performance-based Health Sciences application does not guarantee acceptance to the program. At the time of submission, students must meet the current admission requirements. Students declining acceptance into the program must resubmit a performance-based Health Sciences application and meet the current admission requirements.
- 7. Conditionally-accepted students** are required to complete the following, and final acceptance is based on this criteria.
- Submit a background check (BCI) through CastleBranch.com when directed by notification from Enrollment Services. Results of BCI may prevent admission due to clinical agencies' requirements.
 - Submit all health care requirements to CastleBranch.com by the deadline identified.

Program Requirements

- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to ensure eligibility for Practical Nurse diploma.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher throughout the program.
- Maintain a passing status in the theoretical and clinical components of each class. If a student fails either the theory or clinical component, the class must be repeated entirely.

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Suggested course progression*

PREREQUISITES

| COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE | CREDITS |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| __ ENGL 1010 | Composition I | 3 |

SEMESTER I

| COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE | CREDITS |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| __ NURP 1010 | Practical Nursing I | 7 |
| __ NURS 1015P | Gerontological Nursing | 2 |
| __ NURS 1061P | Pharmacology I | 1 |
| __ BIOL 1070 | Human Anatomy and Physiology | 3 |

SEMESTER 2

| COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE | CREDITS |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| __ NURP 1020 | Practical Nursing II | 9 |
| __ NURS 1062P | Pharmacology 2 | 1 |
| __ PSYC 2010 | General Psychology | 4 |

SEMESTER 3

| COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE | CREDITS |
|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| __ NURP 1030 | Practical Nursing III | 10 |
| __ NURP 2500 | Practical Nursing Capstone | 1 |

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| Total Prerequisite and In-Program Credits | 40 |
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*Course progression reflects two semesters of full time status with a minimum of 12 credits.

NURP (PRACTICAL NURSE)

Corequisites for Practical Nurse curriculum must be taken within the same semester.

NURP 1010 – Practical Nursing I (7 Credits)

This course is designed to introduce the nursing student to the role of the licensed practical nurse, including legal and ethical standards. Nursing concepts will be examined along with evidence-based interventions to meet basic patient needs. This conceptually organized content provides an opportunity to achieve broad understanding of individual health issues affecting the health care system, both institutionally and in the community. Students will apply theory in clinical practice, a major focus of which is care of the elderly in subacute care facilities. (Prerequisites: ENGL 1010, HESI Entrance Exam; Corequisites: NURS 1015P, NURS 1061P; Corequisite or prerequisite: BIOL 1070) Lecture: 3 hours per week over 15 weeks. Clinical: 12 hours per week over 15 weeks.

NURP 1020 – Practical Nursing II (9 Credits)

Building on the basic concepts and skills taught in NURP 1010, this course expands the conceptual foundation for students caring for adult patients with common, less complex medical and surgical disorders. Physiological, psychosocial, spiritual, cultural, legal and ethical aspects of routine patient care are addressed. Attention is also directed toward the nurse's role in all phases of health promotion. A variety of medical-surgical facilities are utilized for clinical learning experiences. (Prerequisites:

NURP 1010, NURS 1015P, NURS 1061P, BIOL 1070, ENGL 1010; Corequisites: NURS 1062P; Corequisite or prerequisite: PSYC 2010) Lecture: 5 hours per week over 15 weeks. Clinical: 12 hours per week over 15 weeks.

NURP 1030 – Practical Nursing III (10 Credits)

Building on the basic concepts, skills and routine patient care taught in NURP 1010 and NURP 1020, this course rounds out the practical nursing student's education with an introduction to family issues related to care of maternity patients and children. Content includes care of mothers during a normal pregnancy, normal newborns and developing children, and care of persons with mental health disorders. Basic knowledge of leadership roles for practical nurses is presented. Conceptual foundations of care for patients with routine medical issues is continued. Students have clinical experience with maternity, pediatric, psychiatric and adult/geriatric patients. This is the completion course for students who wish to graduate as practical nurse candidates. (Prerequisites: BIOL 1070, PSYC 2010; ENGL 1010; NURP 1010, NURP 1020, NURS 1015P, NURS 1061P, NURS 1062P; Corequisites: NURP 2500) Lecture: average 9 hours per week over 10 weeks. Clinical: 18 hours per week over 10 weeks.

NURP 2500 – Practical Nursing Capstone (1 Credit)

This 15-hour course is designed to enable prospective graduates of the Practical Nurse Program to synthesize practical nursing care concepts. Test-taking skills for application of nursing knowledge to practice are emphasized. This course is meant to boost the confidence level of test candidates by increasing their preparedness and decreasing

test anxiety. (Prerequisites: BIOL 1070, PSYC 2010; ENGL 1010; NURP 1010, NURP 1020, NURS 1015P, NURS 1061P, NURS 1062P; Corequisites: NURP 1030) Lecture: 5 hours per day for 3 days.

NURS 1015P – Gerontological Nursing (2 Credits)

Open to Practical Nurse program students only

This course introduces the student to the social, psychological and physiological changes associated with the aging process, promoting safety and optimal health maintenance. Nursing management of common health care issues that often affect older adults will be addressed. This course encompasses the six core organizing concepts in the Nursing curriculum: Patient Centered Care, Nursing Judgment, Safety and Quality Improvement, Professional Identity, Teamwork and Collaboration, and Informatics in health care of older adults. (Prerequisites: ENGL 1010; Corequisite: NURP 1010, NURS 1061P; Corequisite or prerequisite: BIOL 1070) Lecture: 2 hours per week over 15 weeks.

NURS 1061P – Pharmacology I (1 Credit)

Open to Practical Nurse program students only

This course begins the nursing student's education on the basic principles of pharmacology, establishing a knowledge base that applies to the various routes of medication administration. An emphasis is placed on the nursing role in safe dosage calculation and medication administration. (Prerequisites: ENGL 1010; Corequisite: NURP 1010, NURS 1015P; Corequisite or prerequisite: BIOL 1070) Lecture: 1 hour per week over 15 weeks.

NURS 1062P - Pharmacology II (1 Credit)

Open to Practical Nurse program students only

This course builds on the basic principles of pharmacology, progressing to include major classes of drugs used in the nursing management of patients with commonly occurring physical and mental health problems. (Prerequisites: ENGL 1010, NURP 1010, NURS 1015P, NURS 1061P; Corequisite: NURP 1020; Corequisite or prerequisite: PSYC 2010) Lecture 1 hour per week over 15 weeks.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of course required before registering. **Corequisite:** Course must be taken prior to or at the same time.