

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM



Practical Nursing Program

The Practical Nursing program prepares individuals to practice within the legal scope of practical nursing under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. Use of the nursing process at the practical nursing level toward the maintenance of health and prevention of illness, the observation and nursing care of persons experiencing changes in their health processes, and the evaluation of health practices of patients are emphasized.

Classroom instruction in theory and basic nursing skills is provided on campus. Under the guidance of program faculty, students gain valuable experience in the care of all ages in a variety of health care settings and/or community agencies – hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics and child care centers. (Transportation to the community agencies is the responsibility of each student.)

Acceptance in the practical nursing program is based on a selective admission process.

Progression in the Practical Nursing program is contingent upon achievement of a grade of “C” or better in each course and maintenance of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or better (on a 4.0 scale).

CPR requirements must be successfully completed prior to enrolling in the first nursing course and must be kept current throughout the program. Documentation of successful completion of a minimum 75-hour nursing assistant course, or its equivalent, and proof of active status on the Medicaid Nurse Aide Registry and documentation of computer literacy as defined by KCTCS is required prior to enrolling in the first nursing course.

Note: The Kentucky Board of Nursing may deny a nursing graduate admission to the NCLEX-PN Exam if an individual has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony which involves acts that bear directly on the qualifications of the graduate to practice nursing.

Application Process

Acceptance into the Practical Nursing program is based on a selective admissions process. In order to be considered for admission, applicants must comply with college and program admission requirements.

Selection of students to the Nursing Program will be made by the President or his designee after considering the recommendation of the Nursing Admissions Committee.

In order to be considered for admission to the Practical Nursing Program, each applicant must submit the following credentials prior to the April 15 deadline.

1. Application for admission to the college;
2. Official high school transcript indicating that the applicant has or will complete a high school course of study or a passing GED official score report.
3. Official transcripts of postsecondary work completed at other institutions;
4. Results of ACT or Compass (within the last 3 years) or Wonderlic; and
5. A pre-admission conference with the coordinator or the coordinator’s designee is required prior to an applicant’s consideration by the Practical Nursing Admissions Committee.

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Admission Criteria

Preference may be given to:

- Candidates who demonstrate above average standing in high school or on the General Education Development Examination (GED);
- Applicants who score above the assessment and placement entry level scores for admission to the practical nursing program; and
- Applicants who have completed 12 or more credit hours in the approved curriculum with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better from any regionally accredited college, or Council on Occupational Education accreditation.

Transfer

Applicants who wish to be considered transfer from one KCTCS college Practical Nursing Program or other practical nursing programs must:

1. Meet all admission requirements of the receiving institution;
2. Notify the Coordinator of the Nursing Program in writing, stating anticipated entry date and reason for transfer; and
3. Have a faculty member from the program previously attended submit a letter of recommendation to the receiving institution.

If more than three years have elapsed since initial enrollment in the first nursing course in any practical nursing program, an applicant must repeat all nursing courses.

Readmission Process

1. A student may be re-admitted to the Practical Nursing Program one time.
2. To be considered for re-admission by the Nursing Admission Committee, the applicant must complete the following by the posted application deadline:
 - a. Submit a written request for re-admission to the Nursing Program Coordinator
 - b. Meet current admission guidelines.
 - c. Submit a letter of recommendation from at least one nursing faculty.
 - d. Furnish sufficient evidence of remedial study, additional preparation or resolution of factors contributing to unsuccessful course completion.
3. If more than three years has elapsed since initial enrollment, an applicant must repeat all nursing courses.
4. Attend a pre-admission conference for the Practical Nursing Program.

Upon completion of the re-admission application process, applicants will be considered for re-admission by the Nursing

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Program Admission Committee. No more than 3 applicants for re-admission per course will be admitted.

Transfer and Readmission Criteria

Preference may be given to:

- Assessment and placement test scores
- Cumulative GPA
- Applicant performance (Unit exams and standardized test scores) in previous nursing courses that the applicant was enrolled in.

Practical Nursing Program Curriculum

Prerequisites to NPN 100:

The following must be completed prior to enrolling to the first nursing course.

- NAA 100 – Nursing Assistant Skills I OR show proof of completing a 75 hour Nursing Assistance Course AND show proof of active status on KY Medicaid Nurse Aide Registry.
- CIT 105 – Introduction to Computers OR must show proof of computer literacy.
- BIO 135 – Basic Anatomy and Physiology w/Lab OR BIO 137 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I w/lab and BIO 139 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II w/lab.
- PSY 110 – General Psychology

Curriculum

First Semester

NPN 100 Intro to Nursing & Health Care System	2
NPN 105 Development of Care Giver	6
NPN 110 Pharmacological & Other Therapeutic Modalities	2
PSY 223 Developmental Psychology.....	3

Second Semester

NPN 125 Mental Health	3
NPN 130 Pharmacology II.....	3
NPN 135 Intro to Health Deviations	6
NPN 201 Child Bearing Family	3
COM 181 Basic Public Speaking OR.....	
COM 252 Intro to Interpersonal Communications OR	
ENG 101 Writing I.....	3

Third Semester

NPN 200 Medical Surgical I	5
NPN 205 Medical Surgical II	5
NPN 210 Clinical Practicum	4
NPN 215 Nursing Trends & Issues	1

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