

Certificate Program

Program Information

The Practical Nursing certificate program is a four-semester program that combines prerequisites and core nursing courses. Students are introduced to the concepts of health promotion and health maintenance that reflect Dorothea Orem's self-care model. Students explore the theory of basic nursing care, pharmacology, disease process and specialty nursing. Students practice nursing skills in a simulated lab designed to model the clinical setting. Newly learned skills are then applied in clinical settings such as long-term care facilities and hospitals. Student practical nurses are exposed to a variety of departments within each setting to provide a better understanding of the care clients receive, and to expose students to potential career opportunities. These areas may include physical, occupational and respiratory therapy; maternity; pediatrics; behavioral health; and medical-surgical nursing. Students are encouraged to transfer seamlessly from the Practical Nursing program into SCC's Associate Degree in Nursing program. The Practical Nursing program is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

Upon successfully completing this program, students should be able to:

- demonstrate introductory reasoning skills to solve basic problems;
- demonstrate basic proficiency in both written and verbal skills when interacting with colleagues, clients, providers or professionals;
- select appropriate scientific, behavior and cultural principles for the care of clients with basic needs in diverse settings;
- demonstrate awareness of ethical/legal principles related to basic practice and respond to implications in an ethical and legal manner;
- demonstrate essential knowledge, skills and values necessary for the provision and coordination of basic promotion and maintenance for individuals, family, groups and specialized populations;
- demonstrate an understanding of the need for ongoing personal and professional growth through further educational endeavors;
- demonstrate introductory research skills, choosing appropriate Web-based information and applying the information for a specific purpose; and
- demonstrate preparedness to take National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN).

Admission to this program may be limited due to space availability. See page 107 for additional admissions information or visit www.salemcc.edu/nursing.

PRACTICAL NURSING

CREDITS

PREREQUISITES

<input type="checkbox"/>	BIO 220	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIO 221	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENG 101	English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH 130	Nursing Math	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH 134	Introduction to Nursing	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSY 111	Human Growth and Development	<u>3</u>
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CORE PRACTICAL NURSING COURSES

FIRST SEMESTER

<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH 170	Pharmacology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH 178	Nursing Fundamentals	10
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH 179	Nursing Fundamentals Practicum	<u>5</u>
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SECOND SEMESTER

<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH 188	Medical-Surgical Nursing	10
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH 189	Medical-Surgical Practicum	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH 198	Specialties	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLH 199	Specialties Practicum	<u>2</u>
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TOTAL CREDITS: **60**

N.J. GENERAL EDUCATION COMPONENT FOR PRACTICAL NURSING

Communication:	ENG 101
Math/Science/Technological Competency:	not required
Social Science:	PSY 111
Humanities:	not required
History:	not required
Cultural/Global Awareness:	not required

For more information on this program, such as the graduation rate and the median debt of graduates, visit www.salemcc.edu/practicalnursing.