



Practical Nursing

The licensed practical nurse (LPN) works under the direction of registered nurses and doctors. The LPN is a valuable part of the healthcare team who provides input regarding patient care. The LPN is responsible for providing direct care to patients, monitoring patients' blood pressure, changing bandages and inserting catheters, reporting the health status of patients to nurses and doctors, and managing medical records.

After students graduate a practical nursing program, they must sit for a licensing exam to work as a licensed practical nurse.

The LPN career is completely patient-focused, so it is important that they possess compassion and empathy, be detail oriented, and have interpersonal skills, patience, physical stamina, and effective communication skills.



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Practical Nursing Course Outline

What You Will Learn

As a student in Pima Medical Institute's Practical Nursing program, you will study a wide variety of healthcare topics, including how the cardiovascular, lymphatic, immune and respiratory systems function. Students learn how to identify normal from abnormal and how to document and report that information. They also learn how to care for patients with a variety of health conditions, from acute to chronic. Students learn about life choices versus heredity and how each impacts the disease process.

Job Outlook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses is projected to grow 3 percent from 2023 to 2033, as fast as the average for all occupations. As the baby-boom population ages, the overall need for healthcare services is expected to increase. LPNs and LVNs will be needed in residential care facilities and in home health environments to care for older patients.[†]

Employment

Most new job opportunities will be found in long-term care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, doctors' offices and in-home caregiving.

Licensing

To be employed as a licensed practical nurse (LPN), individuals must pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) in his or her state of residence. All 50 states require the graduate to pass the NCLEX-PN to work as an LPN.

[†]Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses, on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/licensed-practical-and-licensed-vocational-nurses.htm> (visited January 11, 2025).

Sequence I (8 Weeks)

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credits
MTH 127	Med Math	16			1.0
CMT 102	Medical Terminology	16			1.0
HUN 100	Nutrition	16			1.0
ENG 115	Communication and Composition	32			2.0
PSY 120	Human Development Across the Life Span	32			2.0
NUR 104	Strategies for PN Success	16			1.0
Sequence I Total		128			8.0

Sequence II (8 Weeks)

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credits
BIO 112	Anatomy and Physiology I	24	16		2.0
NUR 105	Introduction to Nursing and Pharmacology	48	40		4.0
Sequence II Total		72	56		6.0

Sequence III (8 Weeks)

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credits
BIO 113	Anatomy and Physiology II	24	16		2.0
NUR 150	Elder Care and Nursing Theory	64	16		4.5
NUR 151	Clinical Foundations of Nursing I			95	2.0
Sequence III Total		88	32	95	8.5

Sequence IV (8 Weeks)

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credits
BIO 116	Anatomy and Physiology III	24	16		2.0
NUR 160	Adult Medical & Surgical Community Health Nursing Theory	48	16		3.5
NUR 161	Clinical Foundations of Nursing II			95	2.0
Sequence IV Total		72	32	95	7.5

Sequence V (8 Weeks)

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credits
BIO 117	Anatomy and Physiology IV	24	16		2.0
NUR 170	Maternal Child Nursing Theory	48	16		3.5
NUR 171	Clinical Foundations of Nursing III			95	2.0
Sequence V Total		72	32	95	7.5

Sequence VI (8 Weeks)

Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Clinical	Credits
NUR 180	Pharmacology - Intravenous Therapy	24	16		2.0
NUR 200	Role Transition	32			2.0
NUR 205	Clinical Foundations of Nursing IV			120	2.5
Sequence VI Total		56	16	120	6.5
PROGRAM TOTALS		488	168	405	44



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- Financial aid if qualified
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