



[PN.AC; CIP Code 51.3901]

### Academic Certificate Program

This program combines general education with practical nursing courses to prepare students for entry-level practice. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-PN) and to apply to a Board of Nursing for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse. The Nursing program is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing.

#### Program Learning Outcomes

**At the completion of this program of study, the student will demonstrate:**

- Clinical competence at a novice graduate nurse level on the clinical evaluation tool and the comprehensive examination.
- Application of critical thinking principles using the nursing process to attain an optimal level of client functioning in all nursing courses.
- Effective collaboration with the Registered Nurse in the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of client care.
- Effective communication with the client, significant others, healthcare providers, and community agencies to provide holistic care.
- Participation in educational opportunities to foster competence in evidenced-based nursing practice.
- Technology use for research, information processing and communication using the correct use of information literacy.

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# Practical Nursing, CERT

This program has selective admissions. Please see Allied Health Activation page of the college's website for details.

#### First Semester – Fall

##### Part A: 7 weeks

<input type="checkbox"/> BI 106 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
<input type="checkbox"/> EN 101 English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PN 110 Practical Nursing I	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PN 111 Practical Nursing Lab	1

##### Part B: 7 weeks

<input type="checkbox"/> PN 120 Practical Nursing II	3
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#### Second Semester – Spring

##### Part A: 5 weeks

<input type="checkbox"/> PN 130 Practical Nursing III	3
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##### Part B: 10 weeks

<input type="checkbox"/> BI 107 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PY 101 General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PN 140 Practical Nursing IV	5
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**TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS: 30**

#### Special Admission Requirements

- Practical Nursing is a selective admission program. Students must be accepted to the program prior to registering for any PRAC courses.
- Admission packets can be found on the College website.
- Clinical agencies require criminal history background checks (CHBC) for all individuals engaged in patient care. All students must undergo a CHBC upon acceptance into the Practical Nursing Program. CHBC results are sent to the clinical agencies, who have sole discretion to decide if the student may engage in patient care at the agency. If a student is denied the opportunity to participate in the clinical agency as a result of the findings of the CHBC, the student will be dismissed from the Practical Nursing Program.
- Students who do not meet pre-requisite and co-requisite course requirements and/or grade requirements will not be able to progress in the Practical Nursing program.
- Students must complete the Practical Nursing program in two years from the start of the first Practical Nursing course.

**PROGRAM GUIDE SHEET EFFECTIVE WITH CLASSES ENTERING 9/2025**