

# PRACTICAL NURSING

## Certificate

### Program Description

The Certificate of Completion in Practical Nursing (PN) program is offered on a full-time basis on both the Quincy and the Plymouth campuses. The program of study includes theory in the biological and behavioral sciences as the foundation to nursing courses. The curriculum emphasizes clinical experiences in a variety of health care settings. Planned learning experiences are directed towards developing nursing competency consistent with current practices. The full-time program meets five days a week. Enrolled students must complete the certificate requirements within 4 years of enrollment in the full-time nursing program.

Students who successfully complete the program are eligible to take the NCLEX® Practical Nurse examination for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Applicants for licensure in Massachusetts must be of good moral character as determined by the Board of Registration in Nursing (BORN). Please note that a student who has been convicted of either a misdemeanor or a felony may be denied entrance to the licensure examination. For more information on good moral character compliance see the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (BORN) website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/good-moral-character-requirements-for-nursing-licensure>.

Quincy College's Practical Nurse Certificate program has been granted full approval by the Massachusetts Board of Registered Nurses (MABORN). For more information about this status, please visit <http://www.quincycollege.edu/program/practical-nursing/>. You may also contact BORN for more information on the web at <http://www.mass.gov/dph/boards> or at or at 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108, or by phone at (800) 414-0168, or alternatively at (617) 973-0900.

### Program Outcomes

At the completion of this program, the student should be able to:

- Provide safe, quality, evidence-based, patient-centered nursing care to diverse patients across the lifespan in a variety of healthcare settings within in the scope of practice of the PN.
- Engage in critical thinking/clinical reasoning to make patient-centered care decisions within the scope of the PN.
- Use quality improvement activities to improve outcomes for patients across the lifespan.

Prerequisite Requirements – 10 credits total (See Additional Information below)	Credits
HSC 149 Applied Anatomy & Physiology for Health Care Professions	4 credits
MAT 103 College Algebra	3 credits
PSY 216 Human Growth and Development	3 credits

Program Requirements – 34 credits total	Credits
PNU 152 Fundamentals of Nursing	11 credits
PNU 153 Concepts of Adult Health Nursing I	8 credits
PNU 154 Concepts of Adult Health Nursing II	8 credits
PNU 157 Practical Nursing Across the Continuum	7 credits

**Total credits required for graduation** **44 credits**

**Note:** \*A **3 credit course** of the same topic and content of a **1 credit course**, may be considered for transfer/or replacement to meet the requirement of a 1 credit course.

- Address patient needs through teamwork and collaboration with the interprofessional team, the patient, and the patient's support systems across the lifespan.
- Use information and patient care technology to support and communicate the provision of care for patients across the lifespan.
- Incorporate management, legal, and ethical principles with the scope of practice as a PN.

### Additional Information

The passing grade for all nursing courses is "C+ (77%). Students may not continue in the program if they earn less than a "C+" in a nursing course. A student may repeat a course one time during the entire program. Students who fail clinical rotation will not be allowed to continue in the program. Science courses must have been completed within the past five (5) years at the college-level with a grade of "C" or better awarded.

**Assessment Technologies Institute of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS®)** is a requirement for application to the program. The following ATI TEAS® standards must be achieved for consideration to the PN Program: **Math: 50% or higher, English 55% or higher, Reading Comprehension 65% or higher, Science 35% or higher**.

The Academic Division of Nursing will evaluate only those applicants who have taken the TEAS test within two years of the program start date. If an applicant fails to meet the minimum required scores indicated above, they may retake the TEAS test a maximum of three times per academic year (September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>). Applicants **must wait 30 days** prior to each retest. Applicants will be required to retake all four sections and the highest scores will be used. More information regarding the TEAS test is available at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).

Nursing students are required to meet specific physical requirements. More information is available regarding physical requirements on the Nursing page of [www.quincycollege.edu](http://www.quincycollege.edu) in the PN Student Handbook. All students enrolled in the Nursing program are required to be current with their health immunizations, physical exam and BLS (CPR) for the Healthcare Provider. Items are tracked via an internet-based compliance vendor called Viewpoint.

Nursing Applicants are required to attend a Nursing Information Session. Qualified selected applicants will be notified and must participate in an in-person orientation following acceptance in the Academic Division of Nursing and with Finance.

Covid-19 full vaccination and booster is required to be admitted to the Nursing program. Exemptions are not accepted by affiliating clinical agencies.

**Prerequisites:** The courses listed below are required prior to application for admission to the PN Program. \*Course may be in progress during application process but must be successfully completed with a "C" (73%) or better by the start of the program.

HSC 149 Applied Anatomy & Physiology for Health Care Professions**	4 credits
MAT 103 College Algebra	3 credits

\*\*A&P I w/Lab & A&P II w/Lab can replace HSC 149

All nursing courses require students to have scheduled clinical nursing practice within a variety of health care settings under the supervision of qualified nursing faculty. Clinical facilities require specific health requirements and satisfactory criminal offender record information (CORI) check (State & Federal) on all students before they can be allowed in a clinical setting.

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Semester 1 (Fall)	Credits	Pre-Requisites
PNU 152 Fundamentals of Nursing	11 credits	Admission in PN Program
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 credits</b>	

Semester 2 (Spring)	Credits	Pre-Requisites
PNU 153 Concepts of Adult Health Nursing I	8 credits	Successful completion of <b>PNU 152</b>
PNU 154 Concepts of Adult Health Nursing II	8 credits	Successful completion of <b>PNU 153</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 credits</b>	

Semester 3 (Summer I May-June)	Credits	Pre-Requisites
PNU 157 Practical Nursing Across the Continuum	7 credits	Successful completion of <b>PNU 154</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 credits</b>	

### Semester Path:

Recommended course of study for a full-time student, accepted into the PN Program.

All nursing (PNU) courses must be successfully completed with a "C+" (77%) or better in order to progress through the program.

All non-PNU courses must be successfully completed with a "C" (73%) or better in order to progress through the program.

### Student Resources:

**Academic Advising**  
617-984-1720

**Dean's Office of Arts and Sciences & Professional Programs**  
617-405-5920

**Dean's Office of Allied Health**  
617-405-5969

**Dean's Office of Nursing**  
617-405-5960

**Financial Aid Office**  
617-984-1620

**Registrar's Office**  
617-984-1650

**Student Accessibility and Academic Support Services**  
617-405-5915