

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-PN® Practical Nurse (PN) examination for licensure (LPN). Applicants for licensure in Massachusetts must be of good moral character as determined by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (MABORN). 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 (MABORN) website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/good-moral-character-requirements-for-nursing-licensure>.

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

Effective 1/16/24, the Practical Nursing Certificate program at Quincy College at the Quincy/Plymouth campuses located in MA is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. This candidacy status expires on 1/16/25. Visit <http://www.acenursing.org> for more information.

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 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.
- 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 within the scope of practice as a PN.

Prerequisite Requirements – 7 credits total (See Additional Information below)	Credits
HSC 149 Applied Anatomy & Physiology for Health Care Professions	4 credits
MAT 103 College Algebra	3 credits

Program Requirements – 37 credits total	Credits
PNU 101 Human Growth & Development*	1 credit
PNU 111 Human Behavior*	1 credit
PNU 131 Nutrition*	1 credit
PNU 141 Microbiology*	1 credit
PNU 145 Fundamentals of Nursing I	5 credits
PNU 146 Fundamentals of Nursing II	5 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.

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. 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 TEAS exam must be taken on-campus in the Quincy College Testing Center. 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, and Science 35% or higher.**

The Academic Division of Nursing will evaluate only those applicants who have taken the TEAS test on or after September 1, 2022. 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 to August 31). 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.

Nursing students are required to meet specific physical requirements. More information is available regarding physical requirements on the Nursing webpage at <https://www.quincycollege.edu/program/practical-nursing/> in the PN Student Handbook. All students enrolled in the Nursing program are required to be current with their health immunizations, physical exam, American Heart Association BLS (CPR) for the Healthcare Provider, & be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 plus Booster #1, with no exemptions. Immunizations and other compliance documents are tracked via an Internet-based compliance vendor called Viewpoint Screening. 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.

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 May 31, 2024 for Fall 2024 applications.

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 101 Human Growth & Development	1 credit	Admission in PN Program
PNU 111 Human Behavior	1 credit	Admission in PN Program
PNU 131 Nutrition	1 credit	Successful completion of PNU 101 & 111.
PNU 141 Microbiology	1 credit	Successful completion of PNU 101 & 111.
PNU 145 Fundamentals of Nursing I	5 credits	Admission in PN Program
PNU 146 Fundamentals of Nursing II	5 credits	Successful completion of PNU145
Total	14 credits	

Semester 2 (Spring)	Credits	Pre-Requisites
PNU 153 Concepts of Adult Health Nursing I	8 credits	Successful completion of PNU 146
PNU 154 Concepts of Adult Health Nursing II	8 credits	Successful completion of PNU 153
Total	16 credits	

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

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:

Admissions

617-984-1710

Academic Advising

617-984-1720

Dean’s Office of Liberal Arts & Professional Programs

617-405-5920

Dean’s Office of Natural & Health Science

617-405-5960

Dean’s Office of Nursing

617-405-5990

Financial Aid Office

617-984-1620

Registrar’s Office

617-984-1650

Student Accessibility and Academic Support Services

617-984-1682