

PRACTICAL NURSING

Certificate

Quincy College | Academic Division of Nursing

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.

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(*) Indicates course requires the completion of a prerequisite.

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.

All classes are offered in the fall and the spring unless otherwise designated:

F=Class is only offered in the Fall

S=Class is only offered in the Spring

Course / Credit Information

General Education Requirements 10 credits	Credits
HSC 149 Applied Anatomy & Physiology for Health Care Professions	4 credits
MAT 103 College Algebra	5 credits
PSY 216 Human Growth and Development	3 credits

Program Requirements - 34 credits	Credits
PNU 152 Fundamentals of Nursing (F)	11 credits
PNU 153 Concepts of Adult Health Nursing I*(S)	8 credits
PNU 154 Concepts of Adult Health Nursing II*(S)	8 credits
PNU 157 Practical Nursing Across the Continuum*(S/SU)	7 credits

Total credits required for graduation 44 credits Note

Nursing students are required to meet specific physical requirements. More information is available regarding physical requirements on the Nursing page of 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

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.**

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.

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COURSE FLOW

Semester 1	Credits	Pre-Requisites
PNU 152 Fundamentals of Nursing	11 credits	Admission in PN Program
Total	11 credits	

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

Semester 3	Credits	Pre-Requisites
PNU 157 Practical Nursing Across the Continuum	7 credits	Successful completion of PNU 154
Total	7 credits	

Board of Registration in Nursing and ACEN Accreditation

The Quincy College Associate of Certificate of Practical Nursing program has full approval granted by the Massachusetts Board of Registered Nursing (MABORN). For more information, contact MABORN on the web at <https://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 February 19, 2025, the Certificate of Practical Nursing program at Quincy College (Quincy Campus and Plymouth Campus) is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326(404) 975-5000

Semester Path

Recommended course of study for a full-time student. It is recommended that students speak to an Academic Advisor before registering for courses each semester.

Student Resources

Academic Advising

617-984-1720

Dean's Office of Liberal Arts & Professional Programs

617-405-5920

Dean's Office of Allied Health & Natural 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

617-405-5915