

# PRACTICAL NURSING (L.P.N.)

## Certificate

<http://www.sandburg.edu/Academics/Degree-Certificates/Practical-Nursing-LPN/index.html>

Carl Sandburg College offers a certificate in Practical Nursing. The Practical Nursing program prepares the student for entry level as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). As a member of the healthcare team the Licensed Practical Nurse works under the direction of physicians and registered nurses in a variety of health care settings. The LPN provides basic bedside and personal care to clients, takes vital signs, prepares and administers injections, performs wound care, collects samples for testing, and administers prescribed medications as directed.

### Working Conditions

Most health care facilities provide a safe and comfortable working environment. Working hours may include various shifts; including 8 or 12 hours, weekends, and holidays. Schools, offices, and clinics may offer more traditional hours. The Licensed Practical Nurse provides direct patient care and must be able to obtain the knowledge (cognitive function), skills (psychomotor function), and demonstrate professionalism (affective function). Please refer to the Essential Skills & Abilities of LPN to determine if you are able to meet these functions with or without reasonable accommodations.

### Employment

Employment opportunities include, but are not limited to hospitals, long-term care/rehabilitation facilities, clinics and physician offices, schools, home health agencies, and dialysis centers. It is projected that employment of LPNs will grow 16% from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. As the baby-boom population ages, the overall need for healthcare services is expected to increase. There will be an increased need for LPNs in residential care facilities and in home health environments to care for older patients. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

### Accreditation/Approval

The Practical Nursing program holds full accreditation status by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Illinois State Board of Nursing (ISBN) and Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) has approved the Practical Nursing program.

### Licensure

Graduates may apply to write for the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-PN). Upon successful completion of this exam, the student is eligible to apply for Practical Nurse licensure in any state. Graduates will need to complete a criminal background check at time of licensure application and will be evaluated by ISBN before licensure is granted or denied. Please be advised that the Illinois State Board of Nursing (ISBN) can deny nursing licensure and discipline those that are licensed. You can access all licensing and nursing scope of practice regulations at [www.idfpr.com](http://www.idfpr.com) (<http://www.idfpr.com>).

### Admission to the Program: Selective

The Practical Nursing Program has limited enrollment and a selection process for admission into the program. Applicants need to refer to the Eligibility & Admission Requirements for this program to determine eligibility criteria and selection process. Students interested in this program must attend a Health Professions Informational Session prior to applying to the program. Students can apply online to the Practical

Nursing Program October 1 - March 1. The application deadline date is March 1 for Fall enrollment. The applicant will be notified approximately two weeks after the application deadline date whether or not they have been accepted into the program. Applicants accepted into the Practical Nursing program must attend the program orientation session.

Students accepted will be required to possess Health Care Provider Basic Life Support CPR certification throughout the program, show proof of immunizations and required titers, TB test, physical examination, criminal background check, and drug screen. Students are responsible for all fees incurred, in addition to tuition. Please refer to the Practical Nursing Program Cost Sheet. Please note findings on the criminal background check and drug screen may void conditional admission and prevent entrance to the program. Findings on the physical examination and drug screen may prevent placement at the clinical sites.

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### For Graduation Requirements:

See the graduation policies and procedures ([http://catalog.sandburg.edu/academicinformation/#graduation\\_policies\\_and\\_procedures](http://catalog.sandburg.edu/academicinformation/#graduation_policies_and_procedures)) page for details.

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Course	Title	Semester Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Summer Session</b>		
ENG.101	Freshman Composition 1	3
PSY.101	Introduction to Psychology	3
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
NUP.105	Practical Nursing I	9
NAD.106	Medication Principles for Nurses	2
NAD.108	Health Assessment & Clinical Reasoning	2
BIO.111	Anatomy & Physiology Fundamentals **	4
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
NUP.125	Practical Nursing II	9
NAD.130	Pharmacology for Nurses	2
PSY.265	Developmental Psychology	3
NUT.110	Nutrition	3
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Summer Session</b>		
NUP.130	Practical Nursing III	5
Total Semester Hours		45

\* NUP courses and all BIO courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better by the end of the scheduled semester in order to progress in the program. Each student must complete all required courses with a grade of "C" or better to graduate.

**\*\* Notice to PN Students Who Plan to Apply for Admission to LPN to RN Articulation into the 2nd Year ADN:** In place of BIO.111 Anatomy & Physiology Fundamentals you may consider enrolling in BIO.211 Anatomy & Physiology 1 and BIO.212 Anatomy & Physiology 2. (BIO.211 Anatomy & Physiology 1 and BIO.212 Anatomy & Physiology 2 are required for the Associate Degree Program.)

**\*\*\*** LPN's are eligible to enter Second Year Fall Semester of the Associate Degree Nursing Program after completion of NAD.180 and all BIO courses (BIO.211, BIO.212, BIO.200) with a grade of "C" or better and Admission in to the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

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The College of Nursing building (building AA) has two classrooms, health assessment lab, skills lab, and faculty offices. The nursing program has classroom availability in building A and a simulation skills lab in building A. All three labs are used to demonstrate and practice essential nursing skills such as basic patient care skills, assessment skills, catheter insertion, administering medications, IV insertion, airway management, etc. The state of the art simulation skills lab, A035, provides medium to high fidelity simulation learning experiences, fully equipped functioning ICU Room with SimMan®, two medium fidelity med/surg rooms, a maternal/child unit with high fidelity Noelle Birthing Simulator with Neonate Hal, and infant, toddler and child medium fidelity manikins. Clinical experiences for the Associate Degree Nursing program will be gained with acute care, long-term care and rehabilitative facilities, clinics and physician offices in the Galesburg area such as: Galesburg Cottage Hospital, OSF Clinics, Knox County Health Department, Seminary Manor, Heartland Health Care and Rehabilitation and other surrounding facilities as needed.