

# LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING

## Certificate Program | Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences

### Program Description

The Licensed Practical Nursing Program (L.P.N.), a program within the Department of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, is an evening and weekend 56-credit certificate program. Upon successful completion of the required coursework, students are eligible to sit for the New York State National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (N.C.L.E.X.P.N.). Please be aware that the L.P.N. program has proposed a change to curricular requirements, pending approval by New York State. While pending approval, the program is not admitting new students.

**NOTE: The College has been certified by the New York State Education Department to offer instruction (included within the L.P.N. curriculum) leading to New York State Nurse Aide Certification. Students are eligible to take the Nurse Aide Competency Examination after completion of the first semester courses of the L.P.N. curriculum upon request.**

### Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Licensed Practical Nursing program requirements, students will be able to:

1. Promote the dignity, integrity, self-determination, and personal growth of diverse patients/clients, their families, and oneself to provide individualized, culturally appropriate, patient-centered nursing care.
2. Though collaboration with health care team members, utilize evidence, tradition, and patient/client preferences in predictable patient/client care situations to promote optimal health status.
3. Articulate a unique role as a member of the health care team, committed to evidence-based practice, caring, advocacy, and safe quality care, to provide optimal health care for diverse patients/clients and their families.
4. Make judgments in practice, substantiated with evidence, that integrate nursing science in the provision of safe, quality care for diverse patients/clients and their families in collaboration with the health care team.

**To be eligible for admission into practical nursing course work (P.N.R. designated courses), students must meet the following criteria:**

- A cumulative GPA of 2.70 must be obtained, with a minimum grade of C or better in the pre-clinical sequence (**COMM 11, ENG 110 or 111, PSY 11**). If a student has earned a passing grade of "C-", "D+", "D"; "D-" or a failing grade of "F" or "WU" in **COMM 11, ENG 110 or 111, or PSY 11**, the student will not be eligible for admission into the Licensed Practical Nursing Program (L.P.N.) even if she/he retakes the course. A "C+" or better is required in **BIO 23**. **BIO 23** may be repeated once to achieve a grade of "C+" or better. This policy also applies to students who transfer into BCC's L.P.N. from other institutions.
- Complete all remediation courses per CUNY policy.
- BCC students out for one year or more will be held to the new standards.
- Transfer students from other institutions must be in good academic standing. Students who are on academic probation, have failed out of a nursing program, or have been dismissed (ethical, integrity or safety issues) from any nursing program at a previous school (L.P.N./R.N.) are not eligible for admission to the BCC Licensed Practical Nursing (L.P.N.) Program.

**Further requirements include a percentile score of Basic 55 or higher to Proficient or better on the ATI TEAS. V Examination. Admission to the Licensed Practical Nursing Program is very competitive and priority is given to students with the highest GPA.**

### Progression Requirements

- While in the program, students must maintain a grade of "C+" in all P.N.R. courses and a "C" in supporting course work (**BIO 24, BIO 28, NTR 11 and PHM 11**). Students may repeat each supporting course with a grade of "C-" or less once in order to achieve a "C" grade.
- All P.N.R. courses required for graduation must be taken within three years from the date of admission into the program.
- Practical Nursing (P.N.) students may not repeat any first-semester P.N.R. course (**PNR 11, PNR 12, PNR 13**) in which they have earned less than a grade of "C+".
- A PN student with a grade of "C-" or less may repeat two different P.N.R. courses (**PNR 21, 31, 41-45**).

**Students must provide documentation for one of the following categories:**

1. U.S. Citizenship.
2. Permanent Residency.
3. International Student with F1 Status.
4. Granted Asylum, Refugee Status, Temporary Protected Status, Withholding of Removal, Deferred Enforced Departure, or Deferred Action Status by the U.S. government.

**In addition to College tuition and book costs the student is required to:**

1. Be medically cleared through the College's Health Services Office.
2. Have completed Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS).
3. Purchase malpractice insurance through the College.
4. Be prepared to pay the cost for taking competency exams at the end of each clinical semester and the cost of the New York State Board N.C.L.E.X.-P.N. Examination at the completion of the program for NYS Licensure (cost is approximately \$335.00).

Some courses are offered online, as distance learning courses. Computer access is available for student use on campus.

**CLINICAL NOTE:** Certain clinical facilities may require specific immunizations, criminal background checks and or urine tests for toxicology screening before the start of the clinical experience.

**LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING CURRICULUM\***

56 Credits required for Certificate  
Program Director: Dr. Kenya Harris

**Pre-Clinical Sequence**

- ENG 110 Fundamentals of Composition and Rhetoric  
OR ENG 111 Composition and Rhetoric I (3 Credits)
- COMM 11 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication (3 Credits)
- PSY 11 Introduction to Psychology (3 Credits)
- BIO 23 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 Credits)

**TOTAL 13**

**First Semester**

- PNR 11 Nursing Skills I (2 Credits)
- PNR 12 Mental Health Concepts (2 Credits)
- PNR 13 Practical Nursing Arts (4 Credits)
- BIO 24 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 Credits)
- NTR 11 Nutrition in Physical and Emotional Disorders (3 Credits)

**TOTAL 15**

**Second Semester**

- PNR 21 Nursing Skills II (1 Credit)
- PNR 22 Medical Surgical Nursing I (4 Credits)
- PHM 11 Pharmacology as Applies to Health Sciences (3 Credits)
- BIO 28 Microbiology and Infection Control (4 Credits)

**TOTAL 12**

**Summer Session**

- PNR 31 Medical Surgical Nursing II (4 Credits)

**TOTAL 4**

**Third Semester**

- PNR 41 Nursing Skills III (1 Credit)
- PNR 42 Psychiatric Nursing (2 Credits)
- PNR 43 Pediatric Nursing (4 Credits)
- PNR 44 Maternal Child Nursing (4 Credits)
- PNR 45 Vocational Adjustment and Leadership (1 Credit)

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