

# 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 45-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.).

**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 progression into practical nursing course work (PNR designated courses), students must meet the following criteria:**

- A cumulative GPA of 2.7 must be obtained, with minimum grades in specified preclinical courses as follows. A minimum grade of "C" or better is required in **ENG 110** or **111**, **PSY 11**, and **PHM 10**. If a student has earned a passing grade of "C-", "D+", "D", "D-" or a failing grade of "F" or "WU" in **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. **PHM 10** may be repeated once to achieve

a grade of C or better. Additionally, 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.

- A minimum score of 41.3% ("Basic level") will be required on each of the four sections of the TEAS V exam (English, Reading, Science, and Math), as well as an overall score of at 50%. The TEAS Examination may be repeated only once.
- Transfer students from other institutions must be in good academic standing at their previous institution, in addition to meeting all other BCC LPN progression requirements. 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.

**In the case in which the number of qualified LPN students exceeds the number of available LPN clinical placements, the LPN program will prioritize clinical placements for students with the highest cumulative college GPA.**

### Minimum Acceptable Grade and Time Limitations

- While in the clinical phase of the program, students must maintain a grade of "C+" in each PNR course and earn a minimum of C in **BIO 24**.
- An LPN student who earns a grade of "C" or lower on **PNR 101** may not repeat the course. An LPN student with a grade of "C" or lower on a PNR course other than **PNR 101** may repeat the course one time to achieve a C+ or better. (This may occur for only two PNR courses.) An LPN student with a grade of "C-" or lower on **BIO 24** may repeat the course one time to achieve a C or better.
- All PNR courses required for graduation must be taken within three years from the date the student began **PNR 101**.

### Additional Documentation and Requirements

#### Documentation Requirement for Applicants

Per CUNY policy, BCC will consider applicants for admission who are eligible for licensing in New York under the regulations of the New York State Education Department. The regulation provides eligibility for citizens and non-citizens who are "not unlawfully present," including those with Deferred Action for

Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and those permanently residing in the United States under color of law (PRUCOL).

Applicants may demonstrate eligibility through documents that verify that they meet the required criteria. The most common documents include:

1. Proof of U.S. citizenship through a birth certificate, U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, or a certificate of citizenship.
2. Proof of legal permanent resident status with what is known as a "Green Card".
3. Proof of various eligible categories, listed below, generally through an employment authorization document (EAD) or other satisfactory documentation.

#### **Eligible immigration categories:**

1. International student with F-1 status
2. Asylee
3. Refugee
4. Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
5. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
6. Individuals paroled into the United States whose parole has not expired
7. Persons residing in the U.S. pursuant to an Order of Supervision
8. Persons granted a stay of deportation/removal
9. Persons granted an indefinite voluntary departure
10. Persons on whose behalf an immediate relative petition has been approved
11. Persons who have filed an application for adjustment of status to permanent resident
12. Persons granted Deferred Action Status
13. Persons who entered and have continuously residency in the U.S. before 01/01/1972
14. Persons granted suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal
15. Cuban/Haitian entrants
16. Persons with a pending application for asylum, withholding of removal or deportation, protection under the Convention Against Torture (CAT), cancellation of removal, or TPS
17. Persons in T or U non-immigrant status
18. Self-petitioner under the Violence Against Women Act
19. Other persons living in the U.S. who are not unlawfully present

#### **In addition to College tuition, fees 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).
5. Be aware that non academic factors (e.g., criminal record, health conditions, and drug use) can impact whether a student may be admitted to, continue in, or successfully complete the LPN program and achieve licensure. Please refer to the LPN handbook for additional information and/or contact the LPN program director.

## **LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING CURRICULUM**

### **45 Credits required for Certificate**

#### **Pre-Clinical Sequence**

- **ENG 110** English Composition I: Fundamentals of Writing and Rhetoric OR **ENG 111** English Composition I: Writing and Rhetoric (3 Credits)
- **BIO 23** Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 Credits)
- **PSY 11** Introduction to Psychology (3 Credits)
- **PHM 10** Pharmacology Computations (2 Credits)

#### **TOTAL 12**

#### **First Semester (Spring)**

- **BIO 24** Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 Credits)
- **PNR 101** Fundamental Concepts of Practical Nursing (6 credits)

#### **SUBTOTAL 10**

#### **Second Semester (Fall)**

- **PNR 201** Concepts of Family-Centered Care for the Practical Nurse (7 Credits)
- **PNR 301** Concepts of Adult Health for the Practical Nurse I (7 Credits)

#### **SUBTOTAL 14**

#### **Third Semester (Spring)**

- **PNR 401** Concepts of Adult Health for the Practical Nurse II (7 credits)
- **PNR 501** Transition to Practical Nursing Practice (2 credits)

#### **SUBTOTAL 12**

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