



PRACTICAL NURSING (419)

Certificate Program

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

This program prepares students to take the NCLEX-PN exam. Upon successful completion of the exam, the student is eligible to become licensed as a Practical Nurse (LPN).

NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Positions are available for LPNs in both acute and long-term care facilities, home health, hospitals, physicians' offices, and clinics. Employment is available nationwide. A critical shortage of all nurses is expected to continue through the year 2020.

All but seven credits from the PN program transfer into Highland's ADN program.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The ability to care, to be flexible, to have positive interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn and ability to work hard and be a team player will increase the student's chances of being successful in this program.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST HAVE:

1. A completed high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) on file with the Admission's Department.
2. Submission of transcripts from all colleges attended must be submitted to the Admissions Department and Nursing Department.
3. Completion of MATH 065 or equivalent as determined by the College Placement Test.
4. HCC placement test results indicating that the applicant does not need any reading development course, does not need any math course below MATH 162, and does not need any English communication course below ENGL 121. Successful completion of appropriate courses will satisfy any deficiency identified by placement tests.
5. The first level student's score on the TEAS must be and 85%* or higher in reading and 75%* or higher total score.
6. Completion of all prerequisite courses and a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
7. Current CNA certificate or equivalent on file with Nursing/Allied Health Coordinator & Learning Specialist. <http://www.idph.state.il.us/nav/home.htm>
8. Submission of three satisfactory references. This includes letters from a Director of Nursing or Unit Supervisor, RN, and service to others supervisor for all working LPNs and CNAs. For all others, one service to others supervisor, and any two of the following: Instructors or teachers, immediate supervisors, and community leaders.
9. Submission of a personal statement responding to the following questions:
 - a. What are ideal attributes of a nurse? and
 - b. What would be your contribution to nursing?
10. Proof of service to others which may include, but not be limited to volunteer work, community activities, leadership experience with projects that affect others, and other similar activities.

* Score values are tentative and may change.

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PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES 11/12 Credit Hours

*	BIOL	117	Basic Nutrition	3
*	BIOL	120	Foundations of Anatomy & Physiology	5
*	CHEM	120	General, Organic, and Bio Chemistry	3/4

NOTE: CHEM 101, high school chemistry, or permission of instructor and one year of high school algebra or MATH 065 or placement into MATH 162 are the prerequisites to CHEM 120.

SUPPORT COURSES 7 Credit Hours

**	ENGL	121	Rhetoric & Composition I	3
**	MATH	065	Basic Algebra	4

CORE CURRICULUM Fall Semester 14 Credit Hours

BIOL	103	Principles of Pharmacology	1
NURS	185	Mental Health Nursing Concepts	1
NURS	188	Pathophysiology	3
NURS	191	Clinical Development I	6
NURS	194	Gerontology	3

Spring - First Year 15 Credit Hours

BIOL	104	Pharmacology	3
NURS	192	Clinical Development II	9
NURS	296	Physical Assessment for Nurses	3

Summer Session 7 Credit Hours

NURS	099	Practical Nursing and the Family	6
NURS	193	Nursing Perspectives	1

Total Hours = 54/55

* Course MUST be taken prior to program entry

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