

PRACTICAL NURSING

DIPLOMA - 40 CREDITS

About this program

The Practical Nursing program prepares students to practice within the scope of a practical nurse. Students are taught to use the nursing process in the maintenance of health and prevention of illness, the observation and nursing care of individuals experiencing changes in health status, and the administration of prescribed medication and treatments. Students receive supervised learning experiences in caring for individuals in a variety of healthcare settings, such as hospitals, long-term care facilities and physician clinics. Practical Nursing graduates may apply to take the National Council Licensing Exam-PN (NCLEX-PN) following graduation. Individuals entering the program must pass the background check required by the Minnesota Human Services licensing division and an annual National Background Check. The Practical Nursing program is offered on the Moorhead campus. The Minnesota Board of Nursing has approved the Practical Nursing program at M State, along with national accreditation from the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA).

Program outcomes

1. Nursing judgment: Incorporate evidence-supported practice and nursing judgment while applying the nursing process to provide safe, quality care to diverse populations.
2. Patient-centered care: Communicate with individual patients to establish and maintain effective, caring relationships.
3. Teamwork and collaboration: Collaborate effectively with the interdisciplinary healthcare team to promote safety and achieve quality patient-centered care.
4. Safety: Provide safe, individualized care founded on basic physical, developmental, spiritual, cultural, functional and psychosocial needs of the patient.
5. Quality improvement: Participate in continuous quality improvement.
6. Professionalism: Demonstrate professional behavior in regard to legal and ethical nursing practice standards within the LPN scope of practice.
7. Technology: Utilize informatics and technology in the healthcare setting.
8. Managing care: Work within an established plan of care for an individual patient to organize or assign aspects of care under the direction of a registered nurse or healthcare provider.

Curriculum overview

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	Total

Developmental courses note: A student may be required to enroll in developmental courses in reading, writing and math. A student's scores on the Accuplacer assessment will determine enrollment in developmental courses. The purpose of developmental courses is to prepare students for the demands of a college-level curriculum. *Credits may vary.*

Accreditation: Minnesota State Community and Technical College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500 Chicago, IL 60604-1411 <http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org> Phone: 312.263.0456 / 800.621.7440

Curriculum requirement details

Required courses

Other requirements or restricted electives



Course summaries



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Program Plan — ""

Locations:

