

NURSING - LPN DIPLOMA

Entry Time

Fall, Spring, Summer

Note: The Nursing Program is a day program. However, some evening or weekend experiences may be required.

Award

Diploma

1 year (3 terms plus prerequisites)

Program Description

Students in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program may elect to receive a Practical Nursing (PN) Diploma after completing the required courses. Please consult with the Nursing Department for more information regarding this option. A 75 hour CNA course is required to start the technical part of the program.

This diploma is eligible for state and federal financial aid.

Additional Requirements

- GPA of 2.75 in pre-requisites with Minimum C in each course EXCEPT: minimum B- in Introduction to Nursing and Anatomy & Physiology I and II
- May take each pre-requisite course only twice
- Anatomy & Physiology I and II courses must be taken within 5 years of entry into the nursing program and must be 3 credits didactic course with a 1 credit lab
- Introduction to Nursing must be taken within 2 semesters of entry into the nursing program
- Meet the program Math requirement listed below by achieving one of the requirements below:
 - ACT math score of ≥ 19
 - ALEKS algebra score of 30 (effective October 1, 2016)
 - College level Math course equivalency
 - Earned AA or bachelor's degree
 - Note:** Test scores expire after 2 years
- Personal laptop is required for all computer based testing. Specifications of laptop requirements are available on the Kirkwood Nursing website or at the Department of Nursing office; 2172 Linn Hall.
- Certified Nursing Assistant OR Health Support Professional
 - Certified Nursing Assistant demonstrated by the following:
 - Certificate of completion of an Iowa CNA course (with completion of the clinical component of the course)
 - Listing in the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals Direct Care Worker Registry as eligible
 - Note:** Students may obtain CNA training through Kirkwood's Continuing Education

or

- Health Support Professional demonstrated by the following:
 - Certificate of completion of all Health Support Professional (HSP) modules in the Iowa Prepare to Care Direct Care Professional Career Pathway (<https://iowapreparetocare.training-source.org/>) curriculum

- Listing in the Care Book as an HSP
- Minimum of 80 hours of work experience as an HSP supported with the following:
 - Letter from nurse manager
 - Official job description
- Compliance Requirements:**
 - Criminal and Dependent Adult Abuse and Child Abuse Background Checks
 - Immunizations
 - Current CPR certification. Specifically, it must be the American Heart Association BLS (Basic Life Support) Provider
 - Note:** Students may obtain CPR training through Kirkwood's Continuing Education. The class is titled "BLS Provider."
 - Administrative requirements
 - Note:** Students must provide immunization paperwork for specified immunizations and pass a Criminal and Dependent Adult Abuse and Child Abuse Background Check prior to admission to the program. Failure to pass these background checks, complete the immunizations or administrative requirements will prevent admission to the Nursing Program.
- Note: Nursing courses with a clinical component may not be taken by a person:**
 - Who has been denied licensure by the Iowa Board of Nursing.
 - Whose license is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in any United States jurisdiction.
 - Whose license/registration is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in another country due to disciplinary action.

Diploma Requirements

Prerequisites		Credit Hours
BIO-168	Human Anatomy Physiology I ¹	4
BIO-151	Nutrition ²	3
PSY-111	Intro to Psychology ²	3
Term Totals:		10
Term 1		
BIO-173	Human Anatomy Physiology II ¹	4
HSC-189	Introduction to Nursing ¹	4
PSY-121	Developmental Psychology ²	3
Term Totals:		11
Term 2		
PNN-228	Foundations of Nursing I ¹	6
PNN-280	Pharmacology I ¹	2
PNN-721	Foundations of Nursing Clinical I	2
PNN-293	Health Assessment ¹	3
Term Totals:		13
Term 3		
PNN-229	Foundations of Nursing II ¹	4
PNN-282	Pharmacology II ¹	2

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PNN-446	Nursing Care of the Growing Family ¹	4
PNN-723	Foundations of Nursing Clinical II	2
	Term Totals:	12
	Program Totals:	46

¹ Completion of courses with a B- minimum required.

² Completion of courses with a minimum of a C required prior to acceptance.

Optional Course

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PNN-924	Honors Project	1