

## **NURSING (PRACTICAL)**

Scottsbluff/Alliance/Sidney

### **Programs and Awards:**

#### **AAS.5116 (63.5 - 66.5 Credits)**

This three-semester program is designed to prepare the student to become a Licensed Practical Nurse capable of providing nursing care under the supervision of a licensed professional. Theory and practice are integrated into a sequence of selected learning experiences proceeding from the simple to complex in such a manner as to produce a competent, safe practitioner. After successful completion of the program, the student is eligible to take the national licensing exam to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.).

The Practical Nursing Program is approved by the Nebraska Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509, 402-471-4917 and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway-33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006, 212-363-555 ext. 153 or 800-812-0390; e-mail [www.accrediting-comm-nlnac.org](http://www.accrediting-comm-nlnac.org).

### **Objectives**

- Upon completion of the three-semester Practical Nursing Program, the student will be able to meet the following outcome criteria as derived from the program's philosophy. The graduate will:
  1. Utilize basic communication techniques to identify basic physical, emotional, and cultural needs of the client.
  2. Contribute to the development of a nursing care plan for a client.
  3. Perform safe basic nursing procedures and incidental teaching based on fundamental biological and psychological principles.
  4. Participate in evaluating and making necessary adjustments in the plan of care.
  5. Be educationally prepared to pass National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN).
  6. Identify the scope of practice and role of

the practical nurse in the nursing profession.

### **Notes**

- Admission criteria for full acceptance:
  1. Education: Graduate of an approved or accredited high school or hold a GED equivalency. Must present an official high school transcript or GED test results. An official college transcript must be presented if the applicant has previously attended college.
  2. Grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) or above on all previous college course work and a 2.0 (C) must be earned on all practical nursing curriculum courses. An official copy of the applicant's COMPASS/ASSET or ACT assessment test scores must be sent to the Division of Health Occupations in Scottsbluff or the practical nursing office in Alliance. A minimum level of basic skill knowledge is required prior to admission to the Practical Nursing Program. In accordance with College policy, students may be waived from the COMPASS/ASSET by verification of prior equivalent course work. Students who do not meet minimum COMPASS/ASSET score requirements must enroll in developmental course work prior to starting the Practical Nursing Program.
  3. Two references from employers, teachers, or people with personal knowledge of the applicant (excluding relatives) must be submitted on official reference forms.
  4. Submission of completed Student Application Form.
- A letter of provisional acceptance will be sent to applicants who have completed admission criteria but have not completed all required general education courses. To be fully accepted, the student must meet criteria #2 prior to beginning the second semester of the Practical Nursing Program.
- All criteria (application, references, and transcripts) must be updated to the year of admission.

- To obtain a nursing license in Nebraska, the statutes require the applicant must be of “GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.” The applicant will be asked on the application whether or not he/she has ever been convicted of any criminal offense other than minor traffic violations and whether or not his/her LPN license(s) has ever been revoked or suspended.
- Prior to beginning Basic Nursing Concepts, the student will be required to obtain a physical examination by a licensed physician, Physician’s Assistant (P.A.), or nurse practitioner, current immunizations (including complete Hepatitis B series, Rubella, and evidence of childhood diseases or immunizations), and tuberculosis (TB) test.
- A current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) red card is required prior to beginning Basic Nursing Concepts and must be maintained during the program.
- It is important that students wishing to pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree visit with their faculty advisor prior to registering.
- To progress in the program, the student must achieve a minimum grade of 2.0 (C) in **each** course, including all general education courses, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- The student will be required to take a computerized comprehensive achievement assessment exam toward the end of the 3rd semester. A minimum score of 65 must be obtained on this exam in order to graduate from the program. Students who do not achieve the minimum score will be required to complete a Review Course for PN Boards and successfully pass the course before the diploma, or degree, will be awarded.
- Students receiving a score of 65 or above will be awarded the diploma upon successful completion of the 3rd semester and have the option of taking the review course if desired.
- Nursing Theory/Clinical Courses may only be taken two times. A student may not re-enroll in the program after failing a Theory/Clinical course the second time. A WF, D or F is considered a failing grade for

the Practical Nursing Program.

**Required Curriculum - AAS Degree**

<b>1st Sem, Course</b>		<b>Credit</b>
LPNR-1110	Body Structure and Function	
or		
BIOS-1160	Human Anatomy and Physiology .....	4
ENGL-1500	English Composition 1 .....	3
or		
ENGL-1490	College Composition .....	3
PSYC-1050	Introduction to Psychology .....	3
BIOS-1050	Nutrition and Diet Therapy .....	3
MATH-0160	Introductory Algebra	
or		
MATH-0150	Technical Mathematics .....	3-5

\*Students wanting the AAS degree must take a math class.

**16-18 Credits**

<b>2nd Sem, Course</b>		<b>Credit</b>
SPCH-1200	Speech Communication	
or		
SPCH-1390	Public Speaking .....	3
PSYC-1150	Life Span: Human Growth and Development	
or		
ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, POLS, PSYC, or SOCI	Social Science .....	3
Electives	.....	6-7

**12-13 Credits**

<b>3rd Sem, Course (Offered in Fall Only)</b>		<b>Credit</b>
LPNR-1240	Basic Nursing Concepts .....	7
LPNR-1340	Nursing of the Family .....	4.5
NURS-1410	Pharmacology 1 .....	2
BIOS-1460	Microbiology .....	4

**17.5 Credits**

<b>4th Sem, Course (Offered in Spring Only)</b>		<b>Credit</b>
LPNR-2260	Nursing of the Adult 1 .....	7
LPNR-2630	Nursing of the Adult 2 .....	7
NURS-1480	Pharmacology 2 .....	2
LPNR-2720	Strategies for the LPN in Practice ...	2

**18 Credits**