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Practical Nursing Information

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PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

PROGRAM HISTORY

The Practical Nursing Program is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. It is part of the Northwest Technical Institute in Springdale, Arkansas, which operates under the auspices of the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education and The Council on Occupational Education (COE). Following graduation, the student is eligible academically to take the National Examination for licensing as a Practical Nurse (LPN). Hospitals, doctor's offices, nursing homes, schools, and industries, as well as various other institutions, employ LPN's.

FULL-TIME SCHEDULE

The full-time program is offered every January. Theory classes are held Monday -Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Students will be required to rotate to various clinical sites during practicum. Those sites include, but are not limited to, Washington Regional Medical Center, Northwest Medical Center, Mercy Medical Center, Veteran's Administration Hospital, and Butterfield Trail Retirement Community. Scheduled clinical hours may be 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and could include weekends and evening hours.

EMPLOYMENT

Due to the intensity of our program, **full-time** employment is not recommended.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available for those who qualify. Everyone should apply for financial aid as this may assist in qualifying the student for future scholarship monies. The cost of the program is approximately \$9,028. These amounts are paid by semester and throughout the program.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NURSING SEQUENCE

The initial selection process is determined by placement test scores, a completed application, interview, and space availability. After successfully completing pre nursing, each applicant is eligible to enter the nursing program. However, successful completion of prerequisite courses does not guarantee admittance into the nursing sequence as admission will be based on prerequisite GPA, physical examination, drug screen, criminal background check.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Applicants may receive transfer credit for Medical Terminology, Nutrition, Technical Communication, and Anatomy and Physiology (Must take both Anatomy & Physiology I and II). In order to receive transfer credit, you must have received a "B" or better within the last three (3) years. **Medical Terminology, Anatomy and physiology I and II must have been completed within 3 years with a "B" or better.**

You must have a Valid Social Security Number in order to take the NCLEX Exam.
Current CNA Certificate before November 1st deadline

Background check

Federal and State background checks are required for practicum and licensure.

According to 2010 Arkansas Code Title 17-Professions, Occupations, and Business, Subtitle 3- Medical Professions Chapter 87-Nurses Subchapter 3-Licensing § 17-87-312-Criminal Background checks, a person convicted of certain crimes will not be eligible to receive or hold a license issued by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

The Nursing Department will answer any questions concerning this program Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Spring-Prerequisite Classes

Course Number	Course Name	Clock Hours	Credit Hours	FA Hours
NPR1003	Nursing Career Management	45	3	1.2
NPR1103	Technical Mathematics	45	3	1.2
NPR 1503	Health Care Informatics	45	3	1.2
NPR 1502	Drug Calculations for Clinical Practice	30	2	.80
NPR1204	Medical Terminology	66	4	1.76
NPR1206	Anatomy & Physiology	93	6	2.48
NPR1303	Nutrition	45	3	1.2
NPR1403	Technical Communications	45	3	1.2
	Total	417	27	11

Fall-Nursing I Classes

Course Number	Course Name	Clock Hours	Credit Hours	FA Hours
LPN1312	Fundamentals	186	12	4.96
LPN1204	Pharmacology I	60	4	1.60
LPN1604	Mental Health	30	2	.80
LPN1402	Geriatrics I	30	2	.80
LPN1702	Adult I	30	2	.80
LPN1104	Nursing Practicum	216	4	5.76
	Total	552	26	14

Spring-Nursing II Classes

Course Number	Course Name	Clock Hours	Credit Hours	FA Hours
LPN1404	Family-OB/PEDS	60	4	1.60
LPN1502	Health Promotion & Management	30	2	.80
LPN1704	Adult II	60	4	1.60
LPN1203	Pharmacology II	48	3	1.28
LPN2208	Nursing Practicum II	376	8	10
	Total	574	21	15

Summer I-Nursing III Classes

Course Number	Course Name	Clock Hours	Credit Hours	FA Hours
LPN1804	Adult III	60	4	1.60
LPN1902	Vocational, Legal & Ethics	30	2	.80
LPN3302	Nursing Practicum III	96	2	2.56
	Total	186	8	4

Total Hours 1,729
Total Theory Hours=1,062
Total Practicum Hours=688

SPRING SEMESTER

Paid to NTI	
Tuition	1352.00
Institute Fees	305.00
Student Expenses (Not paid to NTI)	
Program Fees	208.00
• Random drug test Fee-\$60.00	
• ATI Test-\$148.00	
Books	800.00
TOTAL	\$2,665.00

FALL SEMESTER

Paid to NTI	
Tuition	\$1352.00
Institute Fees	300.00
Program Fees	347.00
• Insurance fee-\$30.00	
• Lab fee-\$60.00	
• ATI Testing-\$148.00	
• SIM Chart-\$109.00	
Student Expenses (Not paid to NTI)	
Books & Supplies	\$800.00
Uniforms/Shoes/Stethoscope, etc.	300.00
CPR	50.00
Physical	50.00
Background Check/Drug screen for Clinicals	133.00
TOTAL	\$3,332.00

SPRING SEMESTER

Paid to NTI	
Tuition	1092.00
Institute Fees	300.00
Program Fees	208.00
• Lab Fee-\$60.00	
• ATI Testing Fee \$148.00	
Other Student Expenses (Not paid to NTI)	
Books & Supplies	150.00
TOTAL	\$1,750.00

SUMMER I SESSION

Paid to NTI	
Tuition	416.00
Institute Fees	150.00
Program Fees	385.00
• Lab fee-\$30.00	
• Graduation (Pictures, pin, lamp) \$80.00	
• NCLEX Review-\$275.00	
Books and supplies	
Other Student Expenses (Not paid to NTI)	
State Board Application for Licensure	70.00
Temporary License (Optional)	25.00
Pearson NCLEX-PN Test Fee	200.00
TOTAL	\$1,246.00
Estimated Program Total	\$8,993.00

Although we have made every effort to include all expenses (both required and recommended), we may have missed some. Hopefully any missed will be incidentals. The purpose of this is to help you budget your money for the year; but whether or not it is include on this sheet, it is your responsibility to pay for the required supplies and services at the time they are due.

Please keep in mind when making your financial plans: Travel expenses to/from school and clinical sites, lunches, child care, out-of-town trips, etc.

The above expenses are estimates and are subject to change without notice.

Northwest Technical Institute is accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education.