

Practical Nursing Certificate of Completion

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Students enrolled in Nursing can exit after the first year with preparation to be a practical nurse (PN) or after the second year with preparation to be a registered nurse (RN). The Practical Nursing certificate qualifies students to take the NCLEX-PN national licensure examination and apply for licensure as a practical nurse (PN) from a State Board of Nursing. Students who successfully complete the first year of nursing courses may continue into the RN sequence of courses without additional application requirements.

PROGRAM COSTS

(beyond standard tuition/fees and textbooks)

Material Costs

- Nursing textbooks \$1,500
- Nursing course supplies \$90 first year, \$45 second year
- Specialized clothing or uniform \$150
- Tools and equipment \$80
- State exam/licensure fee \$520 (\$160 LPN-OR, \$160 RN-OR, \$200 NCLEX exam cost)
- State fingerprinting fee \$129 (\$64.50 LPN, \$64.50 RN)
- Background check (VCI) \$55
- Drug screen (VCI) \$45-60
- Immunizations & screenings (VCI) \$300
- CPR certification \$50

Enrollment Fees

- Nursing courses \$450 per term fee

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Academic Entrance Requirements

- Required:
 - Nursing program application, scores from the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS-V)[™], short-answer essay questions and completion of program prerequisite courses.
 - Applications are accepted annually during Spring term for admission to the Nursing program the following Fall term.
- Must be completed with a "C" grade or better, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher:
 - BI 231 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
 - BI 232 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
 - BI 233 Human Anatomy and Physiology III
 - BI 234 Microbiology
 - MTH 105 Math in Society (or higher)
 - WR 121 Academic Composition
 - CIS 120 Computer Concepts or Computer Competency Test
 - Chemistry, Biology (Anatomy and Physiology and Microbiology) and Computer and Information Systems courses must be no older than five years at the time of application.
- Recommended:
 - Students are recommended to complete the following courses prior to admission to be better prepared for nursing courses and because points are awarded for completion of these additional courses during the application process. Students must complete these courses with a "C" grade or better.
 - CH 104 Introduction to Chemistry I or CH 221 General Chemistry I
 - FN 225 Human Nutrition or HHP 240 Science of Nutrition
 - PSY 215 Developmental Psychology

- WR 122 Argument, Research and Multimodal Composition or WR 227 Technical Writing

Other Entrance Requirements

- Required:
 - Must have in-district residency status
 - Must provide documentation of completion of immunizations and screenings listed on the website.
 - Must have current Healthcare provider CPR certification (and must be maintained throughout the duration of the program).
 - Complete Criminal History Checks (CHC) as a condition of their acceptance into the Nursing program; see website for details.
 - Must complete a 10 panel urine drug screen with Verified Credentials, Inc.

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Academic Requirements

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.
- Greater than or equal to a 3.0 cumulative GPA for BI 231 Human Anatomy and Physiology I, BI 232 Human Anatomy and Physiology II, BI 233 Human Anatomy and Physiology III, BI 234 Microbiology, WR 121 Academic Composition and MTH 105 Math in Society or higher.
- Once admitted to the Nursing program, students must pass Nursing Theory greater than or equal to a 76.55 percent or 77 percent to pass the Nursing course and pass practicum (LRC and Clinical) to remain in the Nursing program.

Additional Requirements:

- Must adhere to the Nurse Practice Act of the state of Oregon.
- Additionally, students are required to consistently meet the outcomes, technical standards, policies and/or safety standards of the program and College. Failure to do so may result in probation or removal from the program. It is the COCC student's responsibility to know and abide by the Nursing Program and College policies including Student Rights and Responsibilities which can be found at cocc.edu/student-life.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisite Courses

BI 231	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BI 232	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BI 233	Human Anatomy and Physiology III	4
BI 234	Microbiology	4
CIS 120	Computer Concepts	4
MTH 105	Math in Society (or higher)	4
WR 121	Academic Composition	4

Support Courses

PSY 215	Developmental Psychology	4
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Core Courses

NUR 106	Nursing I	12
NUR 107	Nursing II	10
NUR 108	Nursing III	11

Total Credits 65

ADVISING NOTES

Students seeking transfer admission into COCC's Nursing program must meet with the pre-admission advisor and advanced placement program coordinator to determine eligibility prior to entry. Students transferring out of COCC should know that often only selected credits from a community college program are considered transferrable to public or private baccalaureate institutions.

Upon completion of the COCC Practical Nurse (first year Nursing) certificate program, students may continue to the second year of COCC's Nursing program or seek admission or advanced placement at other Oregon community colleges with whom COCC has partnerships. Articulation agreements are in place for graduates of the AAS degree Nursing program wanting to continue on to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree with Linfield College and Oregon Health Sciences

University. Several other universities and colleges in Oregon and Washington offer RN-BSN completion. A co-admission agreement is in place with Linfield College for students admitted to the COCC Nursing program.