**PROGRAM FACT SHEET**

# PRACTICAL NURSINGD45660

The Practical Nursing curriculum provides knowledge and skills to integrate safety and quality into nursing care to meet the needs of the holistic individual which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential.

Course work includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes safe, individualized nursing care and participation in the interdisciplinary team while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and informatics.

Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN), which is required for practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation/long term care/home health facilities, clinics, and physicians' offices.

**Limited Enrollment Curriculum:** The Practical Nursing program is a limited enrollment curriculum and program applicants are accepted based upon a competitive admissions process. Admission criteria for the Practical Nursing program are reviewed annually and are subject to change. Enrollment is limited to the number of approved spaces allocated by the North Carolina Board of Nursing and availability of clinical rotation sites.

1. **PROGRAM SPECIFIC ENTRANCE STANDARDS:**

**Admission**

A student can apply to the Practical Nursing program once minimum admissions criteria have been met (see [Health Programs Admission Guide](https://www2.faytechcc.edu/healthcare-programs/HealthProgramsAdmissions-GUIDE-1.pdf)). Prospective applicants will have a Student Education Plan (SEP) developed by the Health Admissions Center. Students are highly encouraged to meet with a Health Admission Counselor to review their academic progress and seek further guidance on meeting the admission criteria. In addition, prospective students are strongly encouraged to attend an information session about the Nursing programs.

 Practical Nurse program Applicants will have an opportunity to indicate Associate Degree Nursing as a second-

 choice program when completing the Health Sciences Application for Fall admission.

1. **REQUIREMENTS AFTER ACCEPTANCE:**

**Criminal Background Check/Drug Screening**

A criminal background check and drug screening will be required for all accepted Nursing students. Clinical affiliates will review criminal background reports and drug screenings of students and reserve the right to accept or deny any students based on their consideration of these reports. Negative reports and/or failed screenings can preclude a student from attending the clinical portion of their prescribed program and thus, will result in the student’s exit from the program. Students are subject to criminal background check and drug screening at any time during a course with a clinical rotation. Clinical agencies reserve the right to require additional background checks and drug screens. Associated fees are the student's responsibility.

**Medical Forms/Immunizations**

Applicants are required to submit a completed college approved student medical health form to the required document tracking system by the assigned date. The forms include documentation of satisfactory emotional and physical health to safely participate in a clinical setting and immunizations required by affiliate clinical agencies. Failure to submit the required information by the assigned date will result in loss of Practical Nursing admission status.

**BLS Provider CPR**

CPR Certification by the American Heart Association (AHA) in BLS Provider (Basic Life Support including CPR and AED) that includes both performance and testing of criteria is required prior to clinical rotations. Students are responsible for keeping their CPR certification current throughout the duration of the program.

**Mandatory Orientation Session**

When notified of acceptance, applicants must attend a mandatory orientation session with the Practical Nursing program.

**Liability/Malpractice Insurance**

Malpractice insurance required for Nursing students is provided by the college and is assessed as a student fee.

**Transportation/Additional Class/Course Materials**

Nursing students are responsible for their own transportation to off-campus clinical/learning sites. Materials other than textbooks will be required and are purchased at student’s expense. Students may be required to attend classes on alternate dates depending on availability of resources to meet the objectives of the course. Students will be notified in advance at the earliest possible time.

**Technical (Physical) Standards**

The Nursing programs are physically demanding. Students will be expected to perform lifting/moving, bending, stooping, and standing for long periods of time as well as manual dexterity and fine motor skills. The student must have the sensory-perceptual capabilities to carry out the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation that are required in all phases of nursing practice.

**Academic Dismissal Policy**

In addition to the Student Code of Conduct regulations, the Nursing faculty have an academic, legal, and ethical responsibility to protect members of the public and of the health care community from unsafe or unprofessional nursing practices. A student may be removed from class or clinical if he or she:

* Demonstrates behavior which conflicts with safety essential to nursing practice.
* Demonstrates physical or emotional impediments which conflict with safety essential to nursing practice and do not respond to appropriate treatment or counseling within a
* reasonable period of time.
* Engages in conduct, which violates the North Carolina Nursing Practice Act.
* Engages in conduct, which violates the Code of Ethics for Nurses of the American Nurses’ Association.
* Engages in nursing practice for which the student has not been authorized or for which the student has not been educated at the time of the incident.
* Engages in conduct which threatens or has the potential to threaten the physical, emotional, mental, or environmental health or safety of a client, a client’s family member or significant other, another student, a faculty member, another health care provider, general public, or the student himself or herself
* Through verbal or written word compromises the integrity and/or reputation of the FTCC Nursing programs, the profession, or its affiliates.
* Fails to demonstrate professional behavior, including honesty, integrity, and appropriate use of social media (see Practical Nursing Social Media policy), while in the nursing program.
* Fails to adhere to College, Nursing program and clinical site policies and procedures.

**Program Specific Academic Standards**

Upon official acceptance, Nursing students are required to maintain the necessary GPA requirements for entry. Students cannot enter a Nursing program while on academic suspension. The nursing program requires a grade scale that is different from the general college requirement. Students must achieve a final grade of "80" or higher in every NUR course in order to remain in the Practical Nursing program. Practical Nursing and progressive related courses must be taken in succession as they appear in the curriculum guide. Practical Nursing students must adhere to the other policies set forth in the Nursing Student Policies Handbook. See additional Program Specific Standards in the Nursing Student Policies Handbook and specific Practical Nursing course syllabi.

**Awards**

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| **Associate Degree:** Not Applicable | **Length of Program:** **Prerequisite:**  |
| **Diploma**: Practical Nursing (D45660) | **Length of Program:** 3 Semesters**Prerequisite** Official High Schoo1 or GED transcript; 1 Unit of High School Biology or higher-level college course with “C” grade or better 1 Unit of High School Chemistry or higher-level college course with “C” grade or better MAT 003 Tier 2 or equivalent; ENG 002 Tier 2 or equivalent TEAS Test - Overall score of 58.7 or higher; no more than 3 years old at the time of application.  |
| **Certificate:** Not Applicable | **Length of Program:** **Prerequisite:**  |

**Work-Based Learning Requirements/Opportunities:** For Work-Based Learning education requirements/opportunities please see the appropriate Program Sequencing sheet.

**License or Certification Information**: Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination. (NCLEX – PN)

**Programmatic Accreditation:** Approved by: North Carolina Board of Nursing

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**Application Deadlines**: The program is designed for a student to enter during the fall semester. A student may enter at other times with approval of the Department Chairperson. Students should apply between November 1st and January 30th. Specific health program admission requirements must be met before a student is eligible for admission.

**Scholarship/Title IV Financial Aid/VA Services:** Scholarships/Title IV Financial Aid/Veteran's assistance may be available for associate degrees. Certificates and diplomas that fall under this program/area of study **may or may not be eligible** for Scholarship/Title IV Financial Aid/VA Services. Please contact the Financial Aid Office, Student Center, Room 2; Telephone (910) 678-8242. Veterans Services, General Classroom Building, Room 202, (910) 678-8580.

**Child Care Financial Assistance Information:**

Telephone: (910) 678-8486

**NCLEX Pass Rate:**

2017-2019 – 3-year pass rate average on State Board Licensure Exam of 88%.

**\*Graduates available to work as LPN upon successful completion of licensure examination.**

**Attention:** If you have missed a fall or spring semester, you must see a counselor to be readmitted into your program.

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