

Practical Nursing | Hybrid | Fall Start
Diploma | 41 credits

PRE-PROGRAM COURSES		
Prerequisite courses must be completed before entering the program Minimum 2.76 GPA		Credits
BIOL 2260	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
HLTH 1106	Medical Terminology	2
PSYC 2201	Lifespan Psychology	3
FIRST TERM – FALL 16 Credits		
BIOL 2262	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PNSG 1110	Adult Nursing I	4
PNSG 1112	Technical Skills I - Lab	2
PNSG 1112	Technical Skills I - Lecture	1
HLTH 1100	Pharmacology	2
PNSG 1125	Clinical I	4
SECOND TERM – SPRING 15 Credits		
PNSG 1150	Adult Nursing II	4
PNSG 1155	Technical Skills I - Lab	2
PNSG 1155	Technical Skills I - Lecture	1
PNSG 1160	Maternal/ Child Nursing	2
PNSG 1180	Psychosocial Nursing	2
PNSG 1185	Clinical II	4

TOTAL CLINICAL HOURS 256
Program Description

Our 41-credit Diploma is a one-year hybrid program with a fall start that prepares nurses to provide bedside care and interact closely with patients. Graduates are eligible to apply for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). The hybrid delivery model consists of online courses and in-person meetings. Course work online is asynchronous, it can be completed any time of day or night- whenever your schedule allows. Labs and clinicals take place on campus and in-person at either NTC or one of our local clinical sites. Students can plan to be in-person for approximately 3-4 consecutive days twice per month for the duration of the program, approximately 21 days per semester.

Program Learning Outcomes

Human flourishing – Apply knowledge and skills learned in the program to uphold patients' rights of self-determination and promote holistic well-being of client and family

Nursing judgment – Make judgments in practice, supported by evidence that integrate nursing science in the provision of safe quality care

Professional Identity – Implement one's role as a nurse in a manner that reflects the ideals of the profession while developing an identity committed to evidence-based practice, in the provision of compassionate, culturally sensitive, holistic care to a diverse population

Spirit of Inquiry – examine the evidence that underlies clinical nursing practice to challenge the status quo, question underlying assumptions and offer new insights to improve the quality of care for patients, families, and communities

Accreditation

The Nursing Programs at Northwest Technical College located in Bemidji, MN, are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Northwest Technical College's most recent ACEN site visit was March 12-14, 2024. ACEN commended NTC—Bemidji's Technical College for the exceptional breadth and quality of support services available to its nursing students. These services include academic advising, career counseling and a variety of resources designed to ensure student success both during their studies and in their future nursing careers. NTC Nursing Programs were granted continued accreditation through 2032.

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Pre-Requisite Requirements (Additional to the prerequisite courses listed on page 1)

- Acceptance to Northwest Technical College
- A Certified Nursing Assistant active within 5 years or HLTH 1110: Nursing Assistant
- Active Basic Life Support (BLS) or HLTH 1410: First Aid/CPR or equivalent
- HSRT-AD Exam Score of 70+ on campus at NTC; taken during the active application cycle students are applying for
- Math & English Requirements – See table below

MATH 0081 Math Foundations OR MATH 0092 Intermediate Algebra, or higher within 5 years
<u>or</u> Accuplacer score: Advanced Algebraic Functions 240 or higher
<u>or</u> High school GPA of 2.6 or above IF the student graduated high school in past 10 years
<u>or</u> ACT Math score of 22 within 5 years
<u>or</u> Completed NTC Math Guided Self-Placement Form

ENGL 0100 Reading, Reasoning & Writing, or higher within 5 years
<u>or</u> Accuplacer score: English/ Reading 250 or higher
<u>or</u> High school GPA of 2.6 or above IF the student graduated high school in past 10 years
<u>or</u> ACT English score of 21 within 5 years
<u>or</u> Completed NTC English Guided Self-Placement Form

General Courses

Northwest Technical College integrates general education courses into the Practical Nursing (PN) program, allowing students to complete them before enrollment to reduce their credit load. However, completing these courses in advance will not shorten the program's duration, as core nursing courses (ADNG) must be taken in a specific sequence by term.

Students planning to pursue the LPN Step-In Program after completing the PN program can also take the general education courses listed below. The LPN Step-In program has its own set of prerequisite courses, and completing these in advance can help with the application process. However, taking these courses early will not accelerate either the PN or LPN Step-In programs—it will only lighten the overall credit load once enrolled.

- BIOL 2262 Anatomy & Physiology II* — 4 credit
- HLTH 1100 Pharmacology* — 2 credit
- ENGL 1111 College Writing I+ — 3 credit
- BIOL 2221 Microbiology+ — 3 credit
- CHEM 1100 Intro to Chemistry+ — 4 credit
- MATH 1110 College Algebra OR MATH 1930 Intro to Mathematical Science+ — 3 credit
- PHIL 1201 Ethics OR PHIL 2210 Bioethical Issue^ — 3 credit
- General Education Electives must meet MnTC goal areas 1-10 ^ — 3 credit

*Corequisites for the Practical Nursing Program

+Prerequisites for the LPN Step-In Program

^Corequisites for the LPN Step-In Program

Anatomy & Physiology Requirement

A total of 8 credits in Anatomy & Physiology is required for the program. This is normally met with BIOL 2260 (4 cr.) and BIOL 2262 (4 cr.). Students with fewer than 8 credits between A&P I and II must complete BIOL 2256 Advanced Physiology (2 cr.) at NTC to fulfill the requirement.

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