

Withlacoochee Technical College

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Practical Nursing Syllabus

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Program Description and Length

This program is designed to prepare students in the field of practical nursing. Content includes, but is not limited to theoretical instruction and clinical experience in medical, surgical, obstetric, pediatric, and geriatric; theoretical instruction and clinical experience in acute care, long term care, and community settings; theoretical instruction and clinical application of vocational role and function; personal, family, and community health concepts; nutrition; human growth and development over the life span; body structure and function; interpersonal relationship skills, mental health concepts; pharmacology and administration of medications; legal aspects of practice and current issues in nursing. Program length is 1350 hours

State Curriculum Framework

Detailed information about the program's standards can be found at the Florida Department of Education website. The link below will access the curriculum frameworks for this program:

[Practical Nursing Curriculum Frameworks 2022-2023](#)

Courses and Timeline

Practical Nursing has two Occupational Completion Points (OCP) to earn for program completion, OCP A and OCP B.

OCP A is one course, Nursing Foundations 1 and is 300 hours in length.

OCP B is made up of four different courses: Nursing Foundations 2 (300 hours), Medical/Surgical Nursing 1 (300 hours), Medical/Surgical Nursing 2 (300 hours), and Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills (150 hours).

Class Hours	675
Clinical Practice	<u>675</u>
Total Time	1350

Florida statute mandates that 50% of a practical nursing program's time be engaged in the clinical setting

Instructional Modalities, Activities, and Progress

The program is divided between classroom and clinical instruction. Classroom instruction includes lecture, computer/internet assignments, group discussion, and projects. Clinical instruction occurs in nursing facility settings throughout the community, both direct-contact care and observational mode. Students also have learning experiences in the Nursing Simulation lab that will allow safe practice in real world scenarios. All students progress through the program at the same pace and in the same timeframe.

Remote Learning

This program is taught face-to-face on campus, however, there may be times when remote learning is necessary. During such times, students need access to an internet connection and sufficient technology to access the program's online learning modules.

Textbooks

See current list

Assessments and Evaluations

Students must maintain an average of 78% or better in all areas to successfully complete the program. Grades are calculated from tests, assignments, clinical performance, classroom participation, and attendance; percentages of each will vary depending upon the course that the student is currently working.

Grading Scale

- 100-90 A
- 89-80 B
- 78-79 C
- Below 78 F

Attendance Policy

Program length is 1350 hours. Students may only miss a total of 68 hours for the entire program. No more than 3 clinical days can be missed. Students who miss more than this will be dismissed from the program.

Background Checks and Drug Screening

Background checks are conducted on all students with results being shared with our clinical sites. Refusal by a clinical site to allow a student into their facility due to a criminal background may result in the student being dismissed from the program. Students must also submit to urine drug screening as deemed necessary by nursing faculty.

Dress Code

Students will be required to dress in their approved WTC maroon shirt for classroom. Jeans, slacks, and scrub pants are acceptable in the classroom. Closed toed, closed heeled shoes are to be worn in the classroom. No sandals or flip-flops allowed. Students are required to wear white uniforms in the clinical setting, including white shoes. Students will also follow the Citrus County School Board dress code rules while in school.

Clinical Requirements

Students will spend 675 hours in the clinical experience at a variety of facilities within the county. Students will need to provide proof of current immunizations, have a valid American Heart Association CPR BLS certification, and have reliable transportation. Students will also be required to sign confidentiality statements for most facilities as well as participate in certain training sessions as deemed necessary by the individual facilities.

Safety and Physical Requirements

Students may be required to stand for long periods of time in the classroom or clinical setting as well as lift and assist patients. Personal protective equipment (PPE) will be required to wear for isolation situations and as directed by the instructor. PPE will be provided to the student.

Licensure

Students will be eligible to apply for licensure with the Florida Board of Nursing and take the National Council of Licensing Examination (NCLEX) PN upon completion of the course

Discipline

Refer to the WTC Student Handbook for school rules and expectations. Program specific rules and expectations will be discussed in class.

Employment Requirements

Graduates of the Practical Nursing program would be required to undergo background checks and drug screenings prior to hiring at potential employment facilities. Graduates may be required to do physical lifting while employed as a practical nurse

Resources

For more information on Practical Nursing and the scope of practice, please visit the [Florida Board of Nursing](#).