



DABNEY S. LANCASTER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Practical Nursing

Certificate

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Purpose

Practical nurses are needed as important members of the health care team. They perform basic care duties and help to make patients as comfortable as possible. This certificate program teaches the knowledge and skill sets necessary to apply to take the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing).

Admission Requirements

Students must first meet the admission requirements to the College. Individuals are expected to be proficient in basic English, mathematics and reading. Appropriate developmental courses are available for those who need to update their skills. Other requirements for admission are listed on the DSLCC website.

Program Description

The Practical Nursing Certificate program is currently offered in the Rockbridge area and may be completed in one year. The curriculum is approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing.

Employment Outlook

Practical nurses who hold a current license will be needed to provide basic patient care. It is expected that demand will grow 25 percent through 2022. In 2017, median pay was \$45,030 per year (Bureau of Labor Statistics).

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Individuals seeking admission into the Practical Nursing Program must take a test as part of the application process. Please contact the Nursing Department at (540) 863-2838 for exact times and test fees.

Nursing classes must be taken in the semester in which they are listed

Course Number	Course Name	Cr.	Semester	Grade
Summer Semester				
ENG 100*	Basic Occupational Communications	3	SU	
ITE 115	Introduction to Computer Apps & Concepts	3	SU	
NUR 135	Drug Dosage & Calculations	1	SU	
HLT 130	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	1	SU	
PNE 145	Trends in Practical Nursing	1	SU	
PNE 158	Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing	1	SU	
SDV 101	Orientation to Practical Nursing	1	SU	
Credential:	CPR- American Heart Association- Health Care Provider Students may take EMS 100 as a 1 credit course or as a Community Class			
Fall Semester				
PNE 110	Practical Nursing Health & Disease I	5	F	
PNE 141	Nursing Skills I	2	F	
PNE 155	Body Structure and Function	3	F	
PNE 181	Clinical Experience I	5	F	
Spring Semester				
PNE 111	Practical Nursing Health and Disease II	5	SP	
PNE 136	Care of Maternal, Newborn and Pediatric Patients	4	SP	
PNE 142	Nursing Skills II	2	SP	
PNE 182	Clinical Experience II	5	SP	
PNE 173	Pharmacology for Practical Nursing	2	SP	

Credential Earned: Practical Nursing Certificate

Credential Earned: Practical Nurse Licensure (upon graduation, students may apply to sit for the NCLEX-PN)

Course Substitutions-The following course substitutions are permitted in the PNP

Current Course Requirement	Substitution
ENG 100	ENG 111 (with a course grade of "C" or better)
HLT 130	HLT 230 (within 5 years and course grade of "C" or better)
PNE 155	BIO 141 and BIO 142 (within 7 years and course grade of "C" or better)
SDV 101	SDV 100

* Students planning to continue studies toward RN must take ENG 111- College Composition I

Credit hours for certificate: 44

TRANSFER OPTIONS

Agreements exist between Dabney S. Lancaster Community College and various four-year colleges and universities. Contact Student Services for information about further study after graduation from DSLCC.

DISCLAIMERS

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Please note that not all courses are offered at all locations or during all sessions. Check class sites and times when registering. Most programs of study begin in the fall semester. Please note that while new students are welcome to enroll in any session, those who enter in spring or summer will likely find that completion of requirements may take longer.