

Practical Nursing

Diploma

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Practical Nursing (PN) diploma is a 38-credit, full-time, two semester program.

Student Learning Outcomes

The outcomes of this program of learning will be a graduate who is able to:

- Adhere to professional standards of practice within safe, legal, ethical and regulatory frameworks of the practical nurse
- Communicate effectively to deliver coordinated patient-relationship centered care through teamwork and collaboration
- Collect and analyze holistic information to provide quality, therapeutic, patient-relationship centered care guided by evidence-based standards of practical nursing practice
- Demonstrate a caring and empathic approach while meeting patient's needs across the lifespan and health/wellness continuum within a diverse community
- Participate in clinical decision-making through utilization of information technology and critical thinking within the practical nurse scope of practice.

Program Competencies

Upon completion of the Anoka Technical College Practical Nursing program the graduate will display the following role specific graduate competencies:

DOCUMENTATION / CONFIDENTIALITY: Identify, demonstrate, and appreciate the use of information technology to accurately document patient care while consistently safeguarding confidential health information.

INFORMATICS: Identify, demonstrate, and value the use of technology to access reliable information and resources that support patient care, reduce reliance on memory, and enhance competency within the practice setting.

MANAGING CARE: Identify, demonstrate, and appreciate one's role managing care (planning and organizing) in providing quality nursing care under the direction of a RN or licensed Health Care Provider (HCP).

ASSIGN/MONITOR: Identify, assign nursing tasks/activities to other LPNs, assign and monitor nursing tasks/activities to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP) and accept accountability for the PN scope of practice.

PRIORITIZATION OF CARE: Describe, demonstrate, and value the ability to prioritize care in delivering quality, patient centered nursing care across the lifespan.

NURSING JUDGMENT: Identify, use, and appreciate evidence based care when conducting a focused assessment, choosing nursing interventions within a plan of care, monitoring, and reporting changes in the individualized patient's condition across the lifespan.

NURSING PROCESS: Describe, utilize, and value the nursing process when participating with other health providers in the development and modification of a plan of care for patients across the lifespan and in various health care settings.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS: Describe, demonstrate, and value self-awareness, cultural sensitivity, and caring, effective communication with patients and families.

LEARNING NEEDS: Describe, provide health care information, reinforce and contribute to established teaching plans while appreciating the importance of patient education.

ETHICAL/LEGAL: Explain, demonstrate, and value nursing care within ethical, legal, and regulatory frameworks and within the scope of practice for the LPN.

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Technical Education

34 Credits

<input type="checkbox"/> HLTH 1005	Anatomy & Physiology	4
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 1010	Dosage Calculations for Health Care Professionals	1
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1400	Foundations of Nursing	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1405	Foundations of Nursing Lab	2
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1410	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan I	4
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1420	Clinical Application I.....	2
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1500	Transition to Nursing Practice	2
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1510	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan II	5
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1515	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan II Lab	2
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1520	Clinical Application II	5
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1530	Psychosocial Nursing.....	2
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1540	Family Centered Nursing Care	1
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1545	Family Centered Nursing Care Clinical Application	1

General Education/MnTC Requirements

4 Credits

Four (4) general education credits of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) are required. Student is required to take:

<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL1105	Composition I	4
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PROFESSIONALISM: Describe, demonstrate, and accept responsibility for personal integrity, professional boundaries, professional behaviors and lifelong learning.

PATIENT CARE CONCERNS: Identify, report, and respect patient care concerns to improve customer service, patient satisfaction, and enhance effective and cost efficient health care services.

HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS: Describe, participate in, and appreciate quality improvement methods used by interprofessional teams and systems to improve policies/procedures, environmental safety, and patient care.

SAFE NURSING PRACTICE: Explain, demonstrate, and value safe nursing practice and the relationship between national safety campaigns and implementation in practice settings.

PATIENT COMPLICATIONS: Identify, implement actions, and recognize one's responsibility to detect and respond to actual/potential patient complications and report changes to the appropriate health care provider

COMMUNICATION SKILLS: Describe, display, and value effective communication skills including the responsibility to report to appropriate health care personnel when working with members of the interprofessional teams.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION: Describe, participate in, and value consensus building and conflict resolution methods.

Adapted from National Association of Practical Nurse Education and Service Inc. (NAPNES, 2007). Standards of practice and educational competencies of graduates of practical/vocational nursing programs and the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) competencies.)

Accreditation

The Anoka Technical College Practical Nursing (PN) program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and is specifically designed to train graduates for the specialized field of Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN).

The program is pursuing candidacy status by January 2018 with the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

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Prerequisites/Admission Guidelines

All steps of the admissions process must be completed for admission into the Practical Nursing (PN) program.

1. Apply to Anoka Technical College and be admitted to the College
2. Complete the CPR requirement
3. Complete the Accuplacer Assessments and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V)
4. Submit the immunization requirement document

The following prerequisites must be completed and submitted as an entire package to the Enrollment Services Department prior to admission to the ATC Practical Nursing program. All required documents must be submitted in person as an entire package; the Enrollment Services Department will be unable to accept these documents via mail, online or fax.

For detailed information please follow this link to the [Admission Guidelines](#).

Background Study

State law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients and/or residents at a health care facility have a background study conducted the MN Department of Human Services (DHS). A student who is disqualified as a result of a background check will not be allowed to enter the program major. A student must receive a "Background Study Clearance" within 90 days preceding the start of clinical or fieldwork courses to be placed at a partnering facility. Any student failing to receive clearance will be disqualified from enrollment in the course. Arrests, charges, or convictions of criminal offenses may cause a student to fail a background study. If a student is disqualified, the student has the right to request reconsideration of the disqualification. It is the responsibility of the student to request consideration to the MN Department of Health Commissioner if he or she chooses to do so. An applicant is considered to be disqualified while in the reconsideration process

Graduation Requirements

All Anoka Technical College students must demonstrate basic competency in Math, English, and Reading. Competency may be demonstrated through achieving minimum cut scores in new student assessments (Accuplacer); through other assessment exemptions; or through successful completion of Basic Math, Basic English, and Reading courses, earning a "C" or higher before receiving a diploma or an associate in applied science degree. Also see graduation standards in Anoka Technical College *Student Handbook*.

NOTE: Program plans are subject to change. Please contact your program advisor for the most current program information.

Transfer Opportunities

To see how this program transfers to other programs, review the Anoka Tech articulation agreements at [Minnesota Transfer](#). Articulation agreements are transfer agreements with specific programs and partnering schools. These agreements detail how specific courses transfer to a specific program at the partnering school. For a complete list of Anoka Tech's articulation agreements listed by program please see this [Minnesota Transfer link](#).

This program may also include Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) courses. MnTC courses transfer to meet MnTC general education courses throughout the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. MnTC courses from Anoka Technical College transfer to any MnSCU institution to meet the same goal areas that are met at Anoka Tech. Students are encouraged to contact the Office of Records and Registration at all transfer schools for details about the institution's transfer process and policies. For more information please visit our [Transfer page](#)

Start Dates

Fall Semester August
Spring Semester January

Contacts

[Christina Wilson](#), Program Advisor 763-576-4013
[Jodi Zastrow](#), Dean 763-433-1258
You may also contact Enrollment Services for information 763-576-7710

For information on how to apply or to schedule a tour please contact Admissions by phone 763-576-7710 or by e-mail at info@anokatech.edu

Sample Program Sequence Full Time

First Semester	Second Semester
*ENGL 1105.....4	NURS 1500.....2
HLTH 10054	NURS 1510.....5
MATH 1010.....1	NURS 1515.....2
NURS 1400.....3	NURS 1520.....5
NURS 1405.....2	NURS 1530.....2
NURS 1410.....4	NURS 1540.....1
NURS 1420.....2	NURS 1545.....1
TOTAL..... 20	TOTAL..... 18

* ENGL 1105 MUST be taken prior to Semester 2.

Industry Information

Licensed practical nurses (LPN) specialize in delivering high-quality nursing care to patients in any stage of wellness or illness. Practical Nursing graduates work closely with physicians, registered nurses, and other health care professionals to deliver highly skilled, delegated technical medical and nursing care. The LPN is employed in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, industrial health centers, schools, assisted living facilities, and private or group homes. The graduate may be delegated responsibility for nursing of childbearing families, adults/children who may need medical-surgical care, individuals with a mental illness, and individuals living in transitional/long-term care centers. The LPN is a dynamic, vital member of the health team and is legally responsible to practice practical nursing within the Minnesota Nurse Practice Act and the Minnesota Board of Nursing Rules.

Wages/Outlook/Advancement

Wage information is available from the Minnesota Department of Education and the [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development](#).