

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Practical Nursing (PN) diploma is a 38-credit, full-time, two semester program. Through Minnesota Board of Nursing approved program of study, the Practical Nursing program prepares students for a diploma in Practical Nursing. Graduates are educationally eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) and, after passing and obtaining state licensure, may use the title Licensed Practical Nurse.

End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes

Consistent with the standards that define nursing practice, the outcomes of the Anoka Technical College program of learning is a graduate who is able to:

1. Adhere to professional standards of practice within safe, legal, ethical and regulatory frameworks within the practical nurse scope of practice (Professional concepts: Safety, Professional Identity and Behavior)
2. Communicate effectively to deliver coordinated, interprofessional care through teamwork and collaboration (Professional concepts: Teamwork and Collaboration)
3. Utilize holistic information to provide evidence-based patient care that contributes to continuously improving care processes (Professional concepts: Evidence-based Care, Quality Improvement)
4. Demonstrate a caring and empathic approach while providing for individual patients' needs across the lifespan and health/illness continuum within a diverse community (Professional concept: Patient Relationship-centered Care)
5. Participate in supporting patient care through the utilization of information technology (Professional concept: Informatics)

Industry and Career Outlook

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) specialize in delivering skilled delegated nursing care to individual patients/client across the lifespan in all stages of wellness or illness at the direction of qualified healthcare providers. LPNs care for diverse adult and pediatric patients within an established plan of care and participate as a member of the healthcare team.

LPNs enjoy employment opportunities in a variety of health care settings, including clinics, long term care and transitional care centers, assisted living, home care, schools, hospitals, and group homes. The LPN is a dynamic, vital member of the healthcare team and is legally responsible to practice practical nursing within the Minnesota Nurse Practice Act and the Minnesota Board of Nursing Rules. Wage information is available from the [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development](#)

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).

Effective July 12, 2017, the Anoka Technical College Practical Nursing Diploma Program is granted initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) Board of Commissioners. The next scheduled evaluation visit is Fall, 2024.

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Admission Requirements

All required documents are submitted to Enrollment Services in person or to enrollmentservices@anokatech.edu as an entire package prior to admission to the program. When all admission guidelines are satisfied, the applicant is accepted on a space available basis for the following semester.

- Apply to Anoka Technical College and be admitted to the college
- Complete the Nursing Assistant or Medical Assistant requirement
- Complete the CPR requirement
- Complete the Accuplacer Assessments and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS). See Admission Guidelines under the links on the Practical Nursing web page
- Complete the *Student Record of Immunization document* found under *Forms* on the Practical Nursing website
- Submit the Practical Nursing program *Application* (found under *Forms*) with documentation of each the above

Background Study

Minnesota 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 by the state.

Program Start Dates

Fall Semester.....August
 Spring SemesterJanuary

Course Prerequisites

Some courses in this program may require a prerequisite. Please see [course descriptions](#) for more details.



Program Sequence

First Semester 18

- *HLTH 1005 Anatomy & Physiology 4
- *MATH 1010 Dosage Calculations for Health Care Professionals 1
- NURS 1400 Foundations of Nursing 3
- NURS 1405 Nursing Interventions I: Lab..... 2
- NURS 1410 Health Promotion Across the Lifespan I 4
- NURS 1420 Clinical Application I..... 2
- NURS 1430 Psychosocial Nursing 1
- NURS 1440 Nursing Perspectives on Aging..... 1

Second Semester 20

- **ENGL 1107 Composition I (Goal 1&2) 4
- NURS 1500 Transition to Nursing Practice 2
- NURS 1511 Health Promotion Across the Lifespan II 4
- NURS 1515 Nursing Interventions II: Lab 2
- NURS 1521 Clinical Application II 6
- NURS 1541 Maternal-Child Nursing 2

* Must be taken during first semester or prior to acceptance into the PN major

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Graduation Requirements

MATH 1010 must be completed with a grade of A. All other courses required for this program must be completed with a grade of C or higher. CPR certification must remain current.

Faculty Contact

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For information on how to apply, to schedule a tour, or for service during summer hours, contact Enrollment Services at 763-576-7710 or EnrollmentServices@anokatech.edu