

Practical Nursing (Diploma)

Diploma Program

Contact Hours: 1,690

Semester Credits: 66

Instructional Weeks – Full Time: 50

Instructional Weeks – Part Time: 80

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 13 Months

Average Time to Complete – Part Time: 20 Months

Program Overview

As a vital member of the healthcare team, the Practical Nursing combines nursing skills with human understanding to care for both chronically and acutely ill patients in a variety of settings. The program combines classroom study with clinical experience in a variety of settings. Upon completion of this program, the graduate will be able to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination–Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN). Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing these examinations are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take these exams, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

Program Mission

Concorde Career College Practical Nursing Program ensures the healthcare community of competent graduates who are capable and productive entry-level practitioners. These individuals espouse professionalism and adhere to established standards of care and ethical practice.

Program Philosophy

The Practical Nursing program is founded on beliefs that are consistent with the parent organization and the community at large. The faculty of the Practical Nursing program hold the following beliefs about the individual, nursing, health, and nursing education.

Skills Proficiency

Certain procedures and skills are required to work as a Practical Nurse. These skills are first practiced in the nursing laboratory and then in the clinical setting under the direct supervision of a licensed nursing instructor. All students must demonstrate these skills with safety and proficiency in order to proceed in the program.

Health Requirements

Due to the nature of clinical work and possible contact with infectious diseases, before going to clinical, students must have documentation of:

- Current negative TB skin test within one month of program start or chest x-ray if history of testing is positive.
- Verification of immunity or vaccination for measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) and varicella (chicken pox). If born prior to 1957, you do not need verification.
- Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) immunization within the last 10 years.
- Series of Hepatitis B immunizations or positive Hepatitis B titer or signed declination (waiver form).

The immunization requirements are based on the clinical facility requirements and may change without notice.

Note: The Kansas State Board of Nursing may deny licensure to persons who have been guilty of a misdemeanor involving an illegal drug offense unless the applicant or licensee establishes sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the public trust (KSA 65-1120), except that notwithstanding KSA 74-120 no license, certificate of qualification or authorization to

practice nursing as a Licensed Professional Nurse, as a Licensed Practical Nurse, as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, or Registered Nurse Anesthetist shall be granted to a person with a felony conviction for a crime against persons as specified in article 34 or chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto.

End of Program Student Learning Outcomes:

Concorde Practical Nursing graduates will:

1. Provide safe, caring and compassionate nursing care to diverse patients across the lifespan in various healthcare settings using evidenced based practice to improve outcomes.
2. Function as a competent, entry-level healthcare provider applying leadership and management skills and embracing ethical and legal principles in the provision of culturally appropriate nursing care.
3. Collaborate with members of the inter-professional healthcare team to provide optimal care for diverse patients and their families.
4. Communicate effectively through verbal, nonverbal and technological methods with patients, families and members of the inter-professional healthcare team.

Program Delivery

The Practical Nursing program is delivered in a blended format. Courses will be delivered entirely online, entirely on-ground or with an appropriate blend of both online and on-ground hours in the same course. Of the 1,690 program hours, a maximum of 424 course hours (25.1%) may be offered online (including general education courses). Campuses may have the option to deliver general education courses either online or on-ground depending on local need and availability.

Program Objectives

The objective is to prepare students with sufficient theoretical knowledge and specialized practical skills to qualify for an entry-level position as a member of the nursing staff in an acute-care hospital, extended-care facility, physician's office, or other healthcare agency. Upon completion, graduates will be able to apply to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination–Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN). Students in the Practical Nursing program should be aware that graduation does not guarantee eligibility to take the NCLEX-PN exam.

The Missouri State Board of Nursing may refuse to issue or reinstate any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required pursuant to this chapter* for one or any combination of causes stated in subsection 2 of Section 335.066 of the Missouri Revisor Statutes or the board may, as a condition to issuing or reinstating any such permit or license, require a person to submit himself or herself for identification, intervention, treatment, or monitoring by the intervention program and alternative program as provided in section 335.067. The board shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of his or her right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing commission. Section 335.066 of the Missouri Revisor Statutes can be found at <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/Home.aspx>.

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The following is effective for all students starting on or after January 31, 2022

Term 1

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1101	Career Path Success I			30 (0 / 30)	0	0	1

PNVN1111	Personal & Vocational Concepts		25 (25 / 0)		1
PNVN1319	Clinical Practice I	PNVN1811		100 (80 / 20)	3.5
PNVN1811	Basic Foundations in Nursing & Nursing Practice	PNVN1319	170 (127 / 43)		8
Subtotal			225 (152/73)	100 (80/20)	0
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Term 2

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1102	Career Path Success II			30 (0 / 30)	0	0	1
PNVN1521	Introduction to Medical-Surgical Nursing	PNVN1111 PNVN1319 PNVN1811	PNVN1729	124 (93 / 31)			5.5
PNVN1729	Clinical Practice II	PNVN1111 PNVN1319 PNVN1811	PNVN1521		24 (24 / 0)	196 (157 / 39)	7.5
Subtotal				154 (93/61)	24 (24/0)	196 (157/39)	14

Term 3

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1103	Career Path Success III			30 (0 / 30)	0	0	1
PNVN1631	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	PNVN1521 PNVN1729	PNVN1739	141 (106 / 35)			6.5
PNVN1739	Clinical Practice III	PNVN1521 PNVN1729	PNVN1631		24 (24 / 0)	176 (140 / 36)	7
Subtotal				171 (106/65)	24 (24/0)	176 (140/36)	14.5

Term 4

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
PNVN1541	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	PNVN1631 PNVN1739	PNVN1749	111 (83 / 28)			5
PNVN1749	Clinical Practice IV	PNVN1631 PNVN1739	PNVN1541			215 (172 / 43)	7.5
Subtotal				111 (83/28)		215 (172/43)	12.5

Term 5

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Clinical Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
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PNVN1250	Intravenous Therapy	All Courses in Terms 1 - 4	40 (28 / 12)	0	8 (8 / 0)	2
PNVN1251	Transitions to Practice	All Courses in Terms 1 - 4	46 (34 / 12)			2
PNVN1252	Family Health Nursing	All Courses in Terms 1 - 4	60 (45 / 15)			2.5
PNVN1559	Clinical Practice V	All Courses in Terms 1 - 4		40 (24 / 16)	100 (96 / 4)	5
Subtotal			146 (107/39)	40 (24/16)	108 (104/4)	11.5