

# PRACTICAL NURSING (CERTIFICATE)

## Health Science

Program website (<https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/health/nursing/pnc.php>)

## Program Overview

This 38 credit-hour certificate program is designed to educate the student to become a practical nurse.

The Practical Nursing certificate qualifies the graduate to sit for the NCLEX-PN and application for Illinois licensure as a practical nurse. Legal limitations could prohibit an individual from taking this licensing examination. Questions regarding these restrictions should be directed to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations at 217.782.8556. Positions in practical nursing are available in a variety of health care settings.

Because of the nature of clinical experiences and individual instruction required in this program and specialized technology and equipment necessary to offer this program, a higher tuition rate is assessed for career specific courses. These include courses with the NUR prefix. Students pay 1.5 the regular rate of tuition.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants must have completed a CNA program and be active on the Illinois Department of Public Health, Health Care Worker Registry. For admission requirements, please contact the Admission Outreach Office at 847.925.6700 or visit [harpercollege.edu](http://harpercollege.edu).

## Program Requirements

A grade of C or better in all coursework is required for all students.

First Semester		Hours
BIO 260	Human Anatomy	4
ENG 101	Composition I	3
PSY 228	Psychology of Human Development	3
SPE 215	Intercultural Communication	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
Second Semester		Hours
BIO 261	Human Physiology	4
NUR 101	PN Fundamentals	4
NUR 131	PN Fundamentals Clinical	3
NUR 213	Advanced Pharmacology	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
Third Semester		Hours
NUR 102	PN Medical Surgical Nursing	2
NUR 108	PN Mental Health Nursing	1
NUR 109	PN Maternity and Pediatrics	2
NUR 132	PN Medical Surgical Clinical	2
NUR 139	PN Maternity and Pediatrics Clinical	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Fourth Semester		
NUR 104	PN Field Experience	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>38</b>

## Program Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete this program are able to:

- **Safety:** Implement strategies to minimize risk of harm to patients and providers.
- **Communication/Teamwork/Informatics:** Collaborate with the healthcare team to effectively communicate with patients and families using verbal, written and electronic methods.
- **Evidence-Based Practice:** Apply evidence-based, clinical decision-making skills to improve patient outcomes.
- **Wellness/Health Promotion Teaching:** Reinforce patient education across the continuum of care to promote wellness throughout the lifespan.
- **Professional Identity:** Develop a professional identity through behaviors that demonstrate integrity, respect, responsibility, legal and ethical practice, teamwork, and commitment to learning.

## Gainful Employment

Harper College provides Gainful Employment information to comply with the U.S. Department of Education.