

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PRACTICAL NURSING CORE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	
PN 106	Distance	5	22	11	4.5	45	45				127.5

PN 106 : Foundations of Practical Nursing-Fundamentals

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 5

Contact Hours: 127.5

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: SCI 220 and SCI 221

Description: This course introduces the fundamental concepts necessary for safe, patient-centered nursing care to a diverse patient population while integrating clinical decision-making, all within the scope of the practical nurse. Critical thinking, clinical judgment, and the nursing process are key foundations to nursing practice. Application of knowledge and practice of skills occurs in a variety of clinical settings providing care to stable patients with common health issues.

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			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	
PN 115	Distance	3	45								45

PN 115 : Pharmacology

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: SCI 220, SCI 221, and PN 106 or equivalent

Corequisites: None

Requisites: MAT 100

Description: This course is an overview of the basic principles of pharmacology, including major drug classifications and prototypes of commonly used medications. Principles of medication administration include aspects of best practice for safe, quality, patient-centered care. Central topics

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include safety, quality improvement factors in the administration of medications, patient teaching, and variations encountered when administering medications to diverse patient populations across the lifespan, all within the scope of a practical nurse.

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			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	
PN 125/126	Blended	5	21.5	4	4.5	15	45	67.5			157.5

PN 125/126 : Concepts of Practical Nursing – Health Promotion

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 5

Contact Hours: 157.5

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: SCI 220, SC221, and PN 106 or equivalent

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PN 115

Description: This course focuses on the role of the professional practical nurse in promoting optimal health for individual clients. The course will discuss basic psychomotor nursing skills and introduce medical/ surgical nursing for low-risk clients. This course also provides the learner with techniques for carrying out a physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural assessment to evaluate clients' well-being. The course introduces learners to assessment devices and procedures to collect data. The course focuses on health promotion, health protection, disease prevention, and communication strategies throughout the lifespan, all within the scope of a practical nurse.

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PN 135/136	Blended	3	27.5		2.5		22.5	22.5			75

PN 135/136 : Concepts of Practical Nursing in Care of Specialized Populations

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 75

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: SCI 220, SC221, and PN 106 or equivalent

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PN 125/126

PN 135/136 : Concepts of Practical Nursing in Care of Specialized Populations

Description: This course further develops learners' ability to use the nursing process, critical thinking, therapeutic communication, and basic practical nursing skills in caring for clients who demonstrate increasingly less predictable outcomes or a change in health status. Clinical experiences help learners enhance their development of clinical competency in caring for clients. The course will emphasize working collaboratively with other members of interdisciplinary healthcare teams all within the scope of a practical nurse.

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			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	
PN 145	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

PN 145 : Concepts of Practical Nursing I

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 6

Contact Hours: 165

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: SCI 220, SC221, PN 106, and PN 125/126 or equivalent

Corequisites: None

Requisites: SCI 225 or equivalent

Description: This course focuses on the chronic nature of certain states of being when nursing a client at various stages in life, focusing on the application of the nursing process in meeting needs of clients in various settings, all within the scope of a practical nurse. The course will explore concepts related to emotional problems, pathological reactions to life stresses, and chronic pain. The course emphasizes therapeutic relationships and the development of individualized plans of care. The course will also address communication skills, mental health assessment, various therapeutic forms of balance, and sensory perception. Direct focused client care experiential learning gives learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these chronic conditions.

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PN 165	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

PN 165 : Concepts of Practical Nursing II

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 6

Contact Hours: 165

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: SCI 220, SC221, PN 106, and PN 125 or equivalent

PN 165 : Concepts of Practical Nursing II

Corequisites: None

Requisites: SCI 225

Description: This course emphasizes the provision of professional practical nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the basic sciences and other prerequisite nursing courses. The course emphasizes decision-making skills, independent functioning, and a family-centered approach, all within the scope of a practical nurse. The course will introduce the learner to the nursing care of acute clients. The course includes application to specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings.