



# Practical Nursing

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1387 hours. Theoretical and classroom experience, along with skills and clinical experience.

## PREREQUISITES:

### LEARNING STRATEGIES FOR HEALTHCARE STUDENTS

24 class hours

Content is directed to the beginning student planning a career in healthcare. Specific topics include identifying learning styles, managing and organizing time, and adopting successful study habits and learning the language of healthcare through basic medical terminology.

### MATH FOR MEDS

24 class hours

This course is a prerequisite for Pharmacology I. Designed to evaluate the student's competency in basic math skills, content material includes working with decimals, common fractions, and percents. For math skills necessary in becoming a safe practitioner in the administration of medications, students are introduced to systems of measure used in drug therapy with focus on the metric system.

**CPR**—8 class hours

**NURSE AIDE**—Evidence of satisfactory completion. 84 class hours

### MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

48 class hours

This course presents a study of basic medical terminology. Prefixes, suffixes, word roots, combining forms, speciaendings, plural forms, abbreviations and symbols are included in the content. A programmed learning, word building system will be used to learn word parts that are used to construct or analyze new terms. This provides the opportunity to decipher unfamiliar terms and check their spelling.

Emphasis is placed on definition and usage. Abbreviations will be introduced as related terms are presented.

### PN PRE-REQ

#### COMPUTER BASICS

3 - 3 hour classes for a total of 12 hours training

This class is designed to teach Basic computer skills to **develop** core skill levels for students enrolled in the Tri-Rivers' Practical Nursing program.

Topics covered include working with Microsoft Windows operating system, files and folders, word processing skills and Internet skills. (Class is required if student scores below 60% of PN Pre-Req Computer Test. Class can also be taken by request without taking PN Pre-Req Computer Test.)

### PN PRE-REQ

#### INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER

1 - 4 hour computer training class

This class is designed to reinforce Intermediate computer skills to **refresh** core skill levels for students enrolled in the Tri-Rivers' Practical Nursing program. Topics covered include file management skills, word processing skills, and Internet skills. (Class is required if student scores 60-75% on PN Pre-Req Computer Test.)

*Practical Nursing Students must have a current CPR card for clinical lab and evidence of satisfactory completion of the Nurse Aide course.*

## CURRICULUM

### INTRODUCTION TO NURSING

45 CLASS HOURS

10 CLINICAL HOURS

This course provides an introduction to Nursing and Health Care delivery in our society. The course is designed to assist the student to develop an awareness of the roles, functions, and opportunities in practical nursing. Nursing is presented as an essential component of the health care system with special emphasis placed on the client as a consumer of health care, utilization of the nursing process, communication skills. Reporting and documentation skills are presented as essential elements for quality health care.

### FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING

87 CLASS HOURS

118 CLINICAL HOURS

An introduction to the practice of nursing to meet the basic physiological, safety needs of the patient. Students are helped to develop basic skills in utilizing the nursing process in their practice. Nursing procedures are demonstrated and the scientific rationale underlying the procedure steps is explained.

### FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING II

85 CLASS HOURS

170 CLINICAL HOURS

Clinical activities are planned to provide continued utilization of the nursing process to meet patient basic needs. Nursing procedures are demonstrated and the scientific rationale underlying the steps is explained. Laboratory time for supervised practice of these skills is provided.

### ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I

31 CLASS HOURS

### ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II

40 CLASS HOURS

A study of the structure and function of the human body which forms a basis for understanding the ways in which the body maintains health, effect of disease process and principles of nursing care of adults and children.

### CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY IN NURSING I, II, III AND IV

102 CLASS HOURS

#### 28 CLINICAL (INTEGRATED)

Instruction is given regarding the role of the licensed practical nurse and the extent of responsibilities in the administration of drugs to clients. The student will review and practice mathematics necessary for the calculation of dosages. Demonstrations return demonstration, laboratory and clinical practice of safe techniques of drug administration. The student will

learn the use of available sources of information of commonly used drugs with regard to classification, action, indications of use, route of administration, actions other than major, and implications for nursing care.

### GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

28 CLASS HOURS

The growth and development of man is traced throughout the life span, from birth through the elderly adult. Emphasis is on the developmental tasks in normal growth and development for each age group. The content includes physical, psychological, and social aspects of development.

### MENTAL HEALTH NURSING

35 CLASS HOURS

The study of mental health concepts is integrated with general nursing theory and practice. Mental retardation, crisis intervention, chemical dependency, and forms of mental illness are included. Emphasis is placed on assessment and the nurse's ability to recognize maladaptive responses and the nurse's role in caring for these clients.

### THE FAMILY IN REPRODUCTION AND BIRTH

32 CLASS HOURS

52 Clinical Hours

A study in aspects of normal pregnancy from conception through puerperium. Major complications are briefly investigated. Choices concerning contraception and infertility are explored. Nursing care of the neonate and common anomalies are discussed. Supervised clinical experience utilizing the nursing process in the care of maternal and newborn clients is provided. Observation experiences include Lamaze class and aspects of community care available for prenatal, postpartum and newborn clients.

### NURSING CARE OF THE CHILD AND ADULT I

64 CLASS HOURS

142 CLINICAL HOURS

### NURSING CARE OF THE CHILD AND ADULT II

106 CLASS HOURS

182 CLINICAL HOURS

Classroom and clinical activities provide for the utilization of the nursing process in the care of patients of all ages. The study of surgical conditions, their incidence, etiology, diagnoses, treatment and nursing implication forms a bases for practical nursing care.

### ETHICS, ISSUES AND TRENDS IN NURSING

30 CLASS HOURS

This course examines major historical events in nursing. The potential legal liability associated with the practice is investigated. Major ethical issues are discussed in order to help the practical nursing student make the transition to the role of an accountable practical nurse.

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