

# NURSING-PRACTICAL

## PRACTICAL NURSING OFFICE

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### Practical Nursing at NMU

The School of Nursing is committed to providing a quality education for students seeking a one-year certificate in practical nursing.

The practical nursing program prepares the graduate to provide nursing care to patients and their families in hospitals, nursing homes, physician offices, home health care agencies and health clinics. The program of study combines nursing theory lectures with planned patient care learning experiences in hospitals, nursing homes and community health care agencies. Graduates are qualified to take the National Council of Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN).

### Accreditation

Northern's practical nursing program is fully accredited by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation, State Board of Nursing.

### Student Organization

- Student Practical Nurses Association

### Department/Program Policies

Prospective students must have a high school diploma or GED and a 2.00 high school grade point average. Practical nursing students who place lower than MA 100 Intermediate Algebra and EN 111 College Composition I on the Northern Michigan University math and English placement tests may be required to take remedial courses in these areas before being considered for admission.

If required for their program, students are responsible for their own transportation to the clinical facilities, and must buy uniforms, white shoes, name pin, bandage scissors and a stethoscope. Students must have proof of a tuberculosis test or chest X-ray and rubella screening before beginning the clinical experience; completion of a CPR course or current certification is also required. A Hepatitis B vaccination is recommended.

Students in baccalaureate degree programs may apply up to six credits of cosmetology (COS), practical nursing (PN) and surgi-

cal technology (ST) courses combined toward graduation unless otherwise prohibited. Students in associate degree programs may apply three credits of these courses combined toward graduation, and those in certificate programs may apply two credits of these courses combined toward graduation unless otherwise prohibited.

### Admission to the Practical Nursing Clinical Program

Admissions to the practical nursing clinical sequence of courses is limited. The School of Nursing Admissions Committee reserves the right to select students to be admitted. Students who have the highest grade point average and pre-admission test scores, if required, will be admitted first until the class is filled. Not all students who have met the minimum standards will be admitted if the space is not available.

To be considered for admission into the practical nursing clinical program, students must meet the following qualifications:

1. Must have met all NMU admission requirements and be in good standing.
2. Must have taken the Pre-Practical Nursing Assessment test and achieved a passing score in all of the subsets of the test if required by the department.
3. Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 (C) in all the prerequisite college courses required in the program with no grade below "C." In addition, students must have a cumulative NMU GPA of 2.00.
4. Must have successfully passed all required nursing courses after a maximum of two tries. This includes PN 100, AH 102, PN 103 and NE 212 (if taken prior to admission to the program.)

Practical nursing students will be notified of acceptance or rejection during the summer semester.

### Retention in the Practical Nursing Sequence

For students to remain in the nursing sequence, they need to meet the following conditions:

1. Maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.00 in all nursing courses with no course below a "C" and maintain an overall Northern Michigan University grade point average of 2.00.
2. Adhere to the university's Student Code and Practical Nursing Student Policies.
3. Demonstrate a pattern of safe clinical practice commensurate with his or her educational experience to date.
4. Successfully pass all required nursing courses after a maximum of two tries.

### Practical Nursing Readmission Criteria

Practical nursing courses are sequential and there is limited space in some courses. When a student wishes to be readmitted into the nursing sequence of courses after having a withdrawal or failure in a previously enrolled course, the student must apply for readmission to the department coordinator. Readmission for PN 117/118 Maternal/Child Nursing must be received before the start of the fall semester. Readmission requests for PN 119/120 Medical/Surgical Nursing must be received by November 20 of the year before requested readmission.

The practical nursing student who is seeking readmission will be required to demonstrate proficiency in a series of nursing procedures that are part of the last successfully completed clinical nursing course.

Students who have failed any nursing courses more than once are ineligible for readmission. These courses include NE 212, PN 114, PN 116, PN 117, PN 118, PN 119 and PN 120.

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

### Practical Nursing Certificate

Required prerequisite courses may be taken on a full or part time basis.

**Total Credits Required for Certificate** **49**

<b>Health Promotion</b>	
HP 200 Physical Well Being	1

<b>Required Prerequisite Courses</b>	
BI 104 Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
HN 210 Human Nutrition	4
PN 100 Introduction to Practical Nursing	2
AH 102 Growth and Development	3
PN 103 Basic Pharmacology Skills	1

**Upon receiving notice of acceptance into the practical nursing program the following sequence of classes will be followed:**

<b>Fall Semester</b>	
PN 114 Fundamentals of Nursing-Lecture	4
PN 116 Fundamentals of Nursing-Clinical	4
PN 117 Maternal-Child Nursing-Lecture	4
PN 118 Maternal-child Nursing-Clinical	4
NE 212 Pharmacology	2

<b>Winter Semester</b>	
PN 119 Medical-Surgical Nursing-Lecture	8
PN 120 Medical-Surgical Nursing-Clinical	8