

Practical Nursing Certificate

The health care industry needs informed, skilled and dependable workers to complete the care team. The licensed practical nurse assists registered nurses and physicians in caring for physically or mentally ill clients. In the long-term care setting and home health, the LPN may supervise other nursing care personnel.

Practical nursing offers employment in many health care settings. Long-term care, physicians' offices, home care, hospitals and clinics provide opportunity for the practical nurse to administer care to a variety of clients.

Job outlook for the Kansas City area is good, with an average starting salary of \$36,000-\$38,000.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply to take the Practical Nursing Licensing exam. After completing the practical nursing program, LPNs may continue their education to become a registered nurse.

Full-time option

The full-time program, which can be completed in 10 months, provides 880 clock hours of instruction. This includes classroom and clinical laboratory experiences in many areas of nursing. As sample course of study is below.

The application deadline is March 15th for every year and has an August start date. See admission requirements (<http://www.jccc.edu/admissions/apply/selective-admissions/lpn>).

Evening-weekend option

The evening-weekend program, which can be completed in 19 months, provides approximately 880 clock hours of instruction. This includes classroom and clinical laboratory experiences in many areas of nursing.

See sample course of study for the evening-weekend option. (<http://www.jccc.edu/academics/health/licensed-practical-nurse/lpn-evening-weekend.html>)

The application deadline is October 15th every year and has a January start date. See admission requirements (<http://www.jccc.edu/admissions/apply/selective-admissions/lpn>).

Prerequisites BEFORE Beginning Professional Courses

Students must "pass" all clinical courses and maintain a grade of "C" or higher in all non-clinical courses to remain in the program.

Admission to the Practical Nursing Program; Current Certification in Kansas as a Nursing Assistant and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for Healthcare Providers.

(Major Code 366A/368A; State CIP Code 51.3901)

- Licensed Practical Nurse (<http://www.jccc.edu/academics/health/licensed-practical-nurse>)
- Gainful Employment Data (<http://www.jccc.edu/academics/health/licensed-practical-nurse/gainful-employment/Gedt.html>)

Prerequisite Courses

BIOL 144 or BIOL 140 & BIOL 225	Human Anatomy and Physiology* Human Anatomy and Human Physiology*	5-8
PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 218	Human Development*	3
Total Hours		11-14

First Semester

PN 125	KSPN Foundations of Nursing*	4
PN 126	KSPN Foundations of Nursing Clinical*	2
PN 130	KSPN Medical Surgical Nursing I*	4
PN 131	KSPN Medical Surgical Nursing I Clinical*	3
PN 135	KSPN Pharmacology*	3
PN 155	KSPN Gerontology Nursing*	2
Total Hours		18

Second Semester

PN 140	KSPN Maternal Child Nursing*	2
PN 141	KSPN Maternal Child Clinical*	1
PN 145	KSPN Mental Health Nursing*	2
PN 146	Mental Health Nursing Clinical*	1
PN 150	KSPN Medical Surgical Nursing II*	4
PN 151	KSPN Medical Surgical Nursing II Clinical*	3
PN 170	Physical Assessment for the Practical Nurse*	3
Total Hours		16

Total Program Hours: 45-48