

Practical Nursing

Certificate of Completion

2010 Year

Major Code: 511613

About the Program

Rogue Community College offers a limited-entry, nine-month program leading to a certificate in Practical Nursing (PN), which meets the educational requirements for the national exam for PN licensure (NCLEX-PN). The Practical Nursing program is approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN), 17938 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd., Portland, OR, 971-673-0685, www.oregon.gov/OSBN.

Entry Requirements

Program admission occurs once per year in winter term. The deadline for submitting program application material and completing the required program pre-admission test and other requirements is September 24, 2009, for January 2010 admission. The application deadline may be extended if there are an insufficient number of qualified applicants (watch program Web site for notification).

Minimum or higher math and reading scores on the pre-admission test, as defined in the application material, are required to be eligible. In addition, prerequisite classes must have been completed with a grade of "C" or better prior to the application deadline. For courses graded only as pass/no pass, a pass that is equal to a C is required. If a course is repeated, only the most recent grade will be considered for the selection process. Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and be in good standing (not on academic warning or probation) to be eligible. As part of their training program, students must begin with courses within their skill levels as determined by placement test scores.

If an applicant has taken an equivalent course elsewhere which has a course number, title, or credit hour different from the RCC course, she or he must contact Enrollment Services for a transcript review or the Nursing Department head to obtain a course substitution, as far in advance of the application deadline as possible.

Students must attend two mandatory program orientations in December prior to the beginning of winter term. Notice of dates, times, and places of the orientations will be mailed to accepted students. Accepted applicants (notification occurs by mid-November) must have completed required preparatory courses with a "C" or better by the end of fall term to retain acceptance and enter practical nursing courses in winter term.

Accepted students must undergo a criminal history background check and urine drug screen (with negative results) prior to entering the program. Information regarding both can be found on the program website and will be provided to students before winter practical nursing classes begin. Accepted students must successfully complete a CPR Health Care Provider course (adult/infant/child, one and two person, with AED) within two years prior to entering the program.

MO100 Medical Terminology and CNA work experience are recommended before application. Nursing faculty will evaluate the CNA skills of all students admitted to PN101. Students may be required to enroll in classes that would increase their employability and success, e.g., NA110 if remediation work is required.

More information is available by clicking on "enter here" on the program Web site at <http://learn.roguecc.edu/AlliedHealth/PracticalNursing/>.

Applicants are encouraged to attend a program information session held in the spring or summer terms. See website for details. Internet and email access are integral parts of all practical nursing courses and access to a computer (at home or at the college) will be required on a daily basis.

Graduation Requirements

These requirements apply only to students admitted to the Practical Nursing Certificate program in January 2010. Students contemplating admission in a later year may have different requirements and must obtain the advising guide for that year. Successful completion means that students must complete all courses in this program with a grade of "C" or better to continue in and complete the program and receive a certificate. Accepted PN students cannot progress to PN101 unless a complete anatomy and physiology sequence has been successfully completed.

The OSBN screens all applicants for licensure and may deny licensure or place on probation appli-

cants with convictions for certain crimes. Licensure applicants with a history of chemical dependence will be required to have an assessment by a drug and alcohol counselor. Contact the OSBN with any questions.

Clinical and skills lab courses are graded on a pass/no pass basis only. A grade of "P" for these courses indicates a student earned a "C" or better grade.

Prerequisites

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
BI121	Elementary Anatomy and Physiology I w/lab (within last five years or with department head approval; or BI231 and BI232 if both completed with labs within last five years)	4
MTH65	Fundamentals of Algebra II or higher level math ¹	4
NA101	Basic Nursing Assistant (including skills lab and clinical; course waived for students with copy of current OSBN CNA certificate attached to application) ²	0-9
WR115	Introduction to Expository Writing (or designated placement test score as shown on current indicator chart)	0-3

TOTAL PREREQUISITE CREDITS **8-20**
Required Preparatory Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
—	Approved 3-4 credit computer science class, CS120 or above (or documented computer proficiency) ³	0-4
BI122	Elementary Anatomy and Physiology II w/lab (within last five years or with program director's approval) or BI233 Human Anatomy and Physiology III (only if student completed BI231 and BI232 as prerequisites)	4
WR121	English Composition ⁴	4

TOTAL PREPARATORY CREDITS **8-12**

Required Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Winter (First) Term		
PN101	Practical Nursing I	8
PN101C	Practical Nursing I Clinical	3
PSY101	Psychology of Human Relations or	3
BT101	Human Relations in Organizations	
		14
Spring (Second) Term		
PN102	Practical Nursing II	8
PN102C	Practical Nursing II Clinical	4
		12
Summer (Third) Term		
PN103	Practical Nursing III	8
PN103C	Practical Nursing III Clinical	4
PN104C	Practical Nursing IV Clinical (post-summer session) ⁵	2
		14

TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS **48-52**

Approved Program Electives

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
HD100	College Success and Survival	1
LIB127	Introduction to Library Research Methods	1
MO100	Medical Terminology: Introduction	3
RD115	Speedreading for College	3
SK31	College Success	3

¹ Required for graduation.

² Accepted students will be required to provide the program secretary with a copy of current CNA certification in Oregon by November 1, 2009, in order to retain acceptance and be admitted to the first practical nursing course the following winter term.

³ If students have completed CS101 within the last 10 years to meet computer proficiency requirement, it is not necessary to take CS120.

⁴ WR121, 3 credits, completed before summer of 2009 is also acceptable.

⁵ Students must register for PN104C (post-summer session) at the same time they register for PN103 and PN103C.

For more information regarding the program, selection process, and points contact the Practical Nursing program:

Grants Pass or Medford 245-7504
 Toll free in Oregon (800) 411-6508, Ext. 7504
 Web address <http://learn.roguecc.edu/AlliedHealth/PracticalNursing/>
 TTY (541) 956-7338 or (541) 245-7587

This advising guide is for advising purposes only. Please see current college catalog for additional information on specific college policies and graduation requirements.

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