

Practical Nursing Practicum Fee Proposal

Rogue Community College offers a limited-entry, three-term program leading to a certificate in Practical Nursing (PN), which meets the educational requirements for the national exam for PN licensure (NCLEX-PN).

Practical nurses provide individualized care in a variety of health care settings such as long-term care, hospitals, home health, doctor's offices and other community settings. Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) care for the sick, injured, convalescent, and disabled under the direction of a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, licensed physician, dentist, or other independent health care provider recognized by the State Board of Nursing. Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses must complete a state-approved educational program, which typically takes about 1 year to complete. The average salary [is \\$47,880 per year according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses is projected to grow 9 percent from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations. As the baby-boomer population ages, the overall need for healthcare services is expected to increase. LPNs and LVNs will be needed in residential care facilities and in-home health environments to care for older patients.

In 2019/20 this program received 57 student applications for admittance, with 51 applicants qualifying for the program. The program admitted 24 of the qualified applicants.

The college is proposing additional program-specific fees of \$500 a term for a total of \$1,500 for those enrolled in the program. This fee will be in addition to standard tuition and fees charged to students admitted into the program after winter 2021.