St. Louis Community College
Division of Nursing

PRACTICAL NURSING – Certificate of Proficiency
Program of Study and Checklist
Total Approved Hours Required: **38-46**
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Selective Admissions to Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate Program

Rationale: Students who wish to declare a major in some health professions programs must meet minimum criteria in order to apply. Admission to the Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate Program is selective due to availability and limitations of practicum sites and limitations in the number of students who can be accommodated in clinical groups. All students interested in this program should consult a student success advisor at their campus of choice. The PN Certificate Program requires clinical or field experience as part of the curriculum. A criminal background check, drug screen, and documentation of current immunizations are required (at the student's expense) for participation in clinical or other field experiences. Specific criteria for admission are on the second page of this document. For further information visit our website at: www.stlcc.edu/nursing.

PROGRAM OF STUDY: Pre-Entry Course Requirements. Any additional prerequisite coursework required to complete pre-entry courses are not factored into total program hours. All pre-entry courses must be completed prior to application.

Application Requirements		Cr. Hrs.
Math Proficiency	Math Proficiency at or above MTH 110 level or completion of MTH 109 Medical Math or higher with a grade of "C" or higher.	0-3
BIO 111* OR CHM 101*	Introductory Biology or Fundamentals of Chemistry I completed with a grade of "C" or higher to meet the BIO 207 prerequisite requirement.	0-5
BIO 207*	Anatomy and Physiology I completed with a grade of "C" or higher.	4
BIO 208*	Anatomy and Physiology II completed with a grade of "C" or higher.	4
PSY 200	General Psychology completed with a grade of "C" or higher.	3
PSY 205	Human Growth and Development completed with a grade of "C" or higher.	3

Program Requirements:		
	First Semester	
LPN 101	Foundations of Practical Nursing I	9
LPN 102	Practical Nursing Lab	2
LPN 103	Practical Vocational Concepts	1
	Second Semester	
LPN 104	Foundations of Practical Nursing II	9
NUR 180	Pharmacology for Nursing Practice	3
	Total Hours Required	38-46

All courses applicable to the Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate Program must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.
***One of the following science courses is required within five (5) years: BIO 111, CHM 101, BIO 207, or BIO 208.**
Please visit the interactive class schedule for information regarding class times.

Admission to St. Louis Community College does not guarantee admission to selective admission programs. Below is a pre-entry checklist for the PN Certificate of Proficiency Program.

	Pre-Entry Requirements Checklist for PN Certificate Program	Check
1	**Application submitted for admission to STLCC.** Please visit www.stlcc.edu/apply.	
2	**Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.** *Developmental courses (numbered below 100) completed at any institution will not be counted toward the minimum cumulative GPA. The minimum 2.5 GPA must be maintained while on the Nursing Applicant List. A minimum GPA of 2.0 must be maintained once enrolled into the Nursing Program.* STLCC students with at least 15 college level credits with a 2.5 GPA will meet this requirement, regardless of the GPA at other colleges. College transfer students with fewer than 15 STLCC credits must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA in college level credits earned at all colleges attended.	
3	**Math Proficiency: Placement into MTH 110 or higher.** *Placement can be achieved by one of the following:* • HS GPA: a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher. • HS Coursework: Algebra II with a grade of "B" or higher in the last three years. • HiSet: A score of 12 or higher on the math HiSet within the last three years. • ACT: A score of 19 or higher on the math ACT within the last three years. • SAT: A score of 500 or higher on the math SAT within the last three years. • Accuplacer: A score of 264 or higher on the Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics section of the math Accuplacer test within the last three years. **Completion of MTH 109 or higher with a grade of "C" or higher will also fulfill this requirement. *Prerequisites*:** • Reading Proficiency	
4	**Introductory Biology: BIO 111 OR Fundamentals of Chemistry I: CHM 101 completed with a grade of "C" or higher.** ***Prerequisites:*** • Reading Proficiency or concurrent enrollment in RDG 079. (BIO 111) • Completion of MTH 109 or higher with a minimum grade of "C" or placement into a higher math class and Reading Proficiency. (CHM 101) **One of the following science courses is required within five (5) years: BIO 111, CHM 101, BIO 207, or BIO 208.**	
4	**Anatomy and Physiology I: BIO 207 completed with a grade of "C" or higher.** ***Prerequisites:*** • BIO 111 **or** BIO 140 **or** CHM 101 with a grade of "C" or higher or course equivalency and Reading Proficiency. **One of the following science courses is required within five (5) years: BIO 111, CHM 101, BIO 207, or BIO 208.**	
5	**Anatomy and Physiology II: BIO 208 completed with a grade of "C" or higher.** ***Prerequisites:*** • BIO 207 completed with a grade of "C" or higher and Reading Proficiency. **One of the following science courses is required within five (5) years: BIO 111, CHM 101, BIO 207, or BIO 208.**	
6	**General Psychology: PSY 200 completed with a grade of "C" or higher.** ***Prerequisites:*** • Reading Proficiency or concurrent enrollment in RDG 079.	
7	**Human Growth and Development: PSY 205 completed with a grade of "C" or higher.** ***Prerequisites:*** • PSY 200 completed with a grade of "C" or higher and Reading Proficiency.	
8	**Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam completed with a minimum composite score of 58.7 within two calendar years (24 months) of application.** Additional information: • Minimum of four weeks (30-days) between attempts in taking the TEAS exam and a maximum of three attempts in a 12-month period. • TEAS exam can be completed in an STLCC testing center. • Additional information and study guides can be found at www.atitesting.com.	
9	**Standardized Testing Interview:** after completing the TEAS exam, the student is required to meet with a Nursing Retention Coach to discuss the results.	
	When the above criteria have been met, students must submit a signed Practical Nursing Program application. The application must be signed by both the student and Student Success Advisor. Completed applications must be emailed to stlcc-LPN@stlcc.edu. Mailed or faxed applications will not be accepted or processed. All communication from the Nursing Division will be sent to *STLCC student email addresses only*. No communication will be mailed or faxed to students. *Admission and degree requirements are subject to change without advance notice.*	