

Okaloosa Technical College
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM
APPLICATION INFORMATION
PLEASE READ THIS IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR
APPLICATION:

I. **Entering the LPN Program.** The LPN program is open to all qualified persons 18 years of age and above with a high school diploma or its equivalent. The Florida Board of Nursing and the Florida Department of Education set forth the Practical Nursing program policies.

A. **Entrance Requirements.**

1. You must pass the LPN entrance examination.
2. You must provide proof of completion of high school or its equivalent (after acceptance).
3. Any applicant who has been convicted of a felony must submit a Certificate of Restoration of Civil Rights with their application. Further details on this matter are available from our program Director.

B. **Placement into the Program.** Applicants are placed into the LPN program when all admission requirements are met and selection committee has made final decisions.

Applicants must:

1. Submit an application.
2. Make an appointment for your required entrance testing. Testing appointments will be offered only as long as space remains available. Appointments will be made only for persons who submit a current LPN application. The ***non-refundable*** testing fee is paid directly to the NLN when testing date is selected on-line. Testing will be conducted at the Okaloosa Technical College twice a year (February and August).
3. Scheduling: Because of the number of applications received, you will be ***allowed to test only once*** during a testing cycle. We suggest that you write down the day, date and time of your test. You may change your test appointment, if space is available. Test sessions will be closed once the available spaces are filled.
4. Test Description: The NLN Pre-Admission Examination (NLN – PAX-PN/VN) for the practical nursing candidate will measure three academic proficiencies: Verbal, Mathematics, and Science. One hour is allowed for each subtest; approximately 3 ½ hours are needed for administering this computer-based examination.
5. Test Materials. ***Bring*** two pencils and a picture ID.
6. ***No one*** will be admitted after the test begins so please arrive at least 15 minutes before scheduled test time.
7. Test Results. The top scores from the PAX-PN/VN test will be eligible for placement in the next class. If selected for the program the student will take the TABE test (those with a college degree are exempt). ***If*** you are ***not selected*** to enter the program you will be required to start the admission process again for the next testing cycle. If you do not pass the TABE test, but are accepted into the program, you will have an opportunity to remediate and retake the TABE test.
8. If a candidate has prior college credit (within 5 years) in required courses and received a C or

better, that student will not be required to retake that course in our program. Having college credit will not guarantee your automatic admission into this program, however. Each qualified candidate will have an equal opportunity for admission into the LPN program.

Note: For those accepted into the LPN program, it is your responsibility to have all financial aid applications approved and ready for processing. For information regarding financial assistance, consider the following:

Pell Grant www.fafsa.ed.gov, Military families: www.afas.org-docs-for2.doc or visit Base children and family services.

Other resources: www.okaloosaschools.com.

C. Additional Entrance Requirements. Applicants selected for LPN program will be required to:

1. Attend orientation. The date and time will be determined.
2. Complete a physical examination. The necessary forms will be issued at the orientation or at the beginning of the course.
3. Submit to a background check, fingerprint and urine drug screening. Further information will be given after admission to program.

NOTE - ONLY THOSE NOTIFIED OF THEIR TENTATIVE ACCEPTANCE NEED BE CONCERNED WITH THE ABOVE THREE REQUIREMENTS.

General LPN Program Information: The Practical Nursing Program is a 14- month 1350- hour course of study leading to licensure as a Practical Nurse in the state of Florida. It consists of classes at the Okaloosa Technical College campus and clinical practice in local health care facilities. All instructors are registered nurses and certified vocational technical teachers.

Attendance Policy: OTC School of Practical Nursing has a **NO ABSENCE** policy. Due to the limited number of hours available for instructional purposes, all absences must be made up within the semester time is missed. Excessive absences will jeopardize the student's progress in the program and may be grounds for dismissal. **When a student accumulates a total of 35 hours of absences, he/she may be dropped from the program.**

CURRICULUM CONTENT

Fall semester of one year to December/January of the Next year (14 Months)

Projected Schedule.

Fall Semester (Date to be determined) (7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Monday through Friday)

Anatomy & Physiology
Nutrition
Growth & Development
Computers
Geriatrics

January (Spring Semester) (Classroom days 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Clinical Days 6:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

Occasionally until 3:00 PM)

Fundamentals of Nursing class and lab
Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical
Advanced Fundamentals of Nursing class and lab
Pharmacology
Mental Health
Community Health Education
Med/Surgical Nursing I

June (Summer Session) (Classroom days 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Clinical Days 6:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Occasionally until 3:00)

Medical Surgical Nursing I
Medical Surgical Nursing I Clinical

August (Fall Semester) (Classroom days 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Clinical Days 6:30 AM — 3:00 PM)

Medical/Surgical Nursing II
Medical/Surgical Nursing II Clinical
Medical/Surgical Nursing III
Medical/Surgical Nursing III Clinical
Medical/Surgical Nursing IV
Medical/Surgical Nursing IV Clinical
Medical/Surgical Nursing Preceptorship
Nursing of Children
Nursing of Children Clinical
Maternal/Newborn
Maternal/Newborn Clinical
Graduate/Employability Skills

CURRICULUM CONTENT
Spring Semester of one year to June/July of the next year

Projected Schedule.

Spring Semester (Date to be determined) (7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Monday through Friday)

Anatomy & Physiology
Nutrition
Growth & Development
Computers
Geriatrics

August (Fall Semester) (Classroom days 7:30AM - 1:20 PM, Clinical Days 6:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

Occasionally until 3:00 PM)

Fundamentals of Nursing class and lab
Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical
Life Span (Human Growth and Development)
Advanced Fundamentals of Nursing class and lab
Pharmacology
Mental Health
Community Health Education
Med/Surgical Nursing I

January (Spring Semester)

Medical/Surgical Nursing II
Medical/Surgical Nursing II Clinical
Medical/Surgical Nursing III
Medical/Surgical Nursing III Clinical
Medical/Surgical Nursing IV
Medical/Surgical Nursing IV Clinical
Nursing of Children
Maternal/Newborn

June - July (Summer Semester)

Nursing of Children Clinical
Maternal/Newborn Clinical
Medical/Surgical Nursing Preceptorship
Graduate/Employability Skills

****Practical Nursing Program: Curriculum Content Night Class starts once a year. Curriculum content is the same as above but semester dates will change depending on the start date for each class.**

Estimated Expenses. (Costs are subject to change without prior notice)

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Tuition (for Florida Residents)

Spring or Fall semester Core	\$ 467.20
First Semester	\$1524.24
June (Summer Semester)	\$ 417.56
Second Semester	\$1533.00
Books	\$1050.00
Lab Fee (\$300 x 3 terms)	\$ 900.00

Miscellaneous Expenses

Entrance Examination Fee **	\$ 40.00
TABE Test **	\$ 15.00
Uniforms and accessories **	\$ 265.00
Non-Refundable Professional Fee	\$ 466.00
Background check and Drug screen **	\$ 94.50
Finger printing **	\$ 76.25
CPR certification **	\$ 40.00
Total (Tuition and Expenses).....	\$6888.75

** Out of Pocket cost not covered by financial aid

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- Financial Aid information is available upon request.

Selection Process: (You MUST be registered for the program BEFORE scheduling your test)
The entrance test will require approximately 3 ½ hours of testing time for completion. As the fee is \$40 for this test, please make sure you are ready for the test. If you do not pass the entrance test you must wait six (6) months and pay the testing fee again before being allowed to retest.

Please note the information below for a general “study guide” for the entrance test.

Review Guide for LPN/LVN Pre-Entrance Exam is available from local bookstores or on-line.

The Pre-Admission Examination will test your proficiency in the following areas: Verbal Ability, Mathematics, Science, health and first aid.

If you have a registration form on file at the school you will receive an email informing you that test dates are posted. The information will also be posted on our school web site.

Telephone: 833-3500 for information.