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The Cincinnati State Practical Nursing Certificate program offers classes at the Clifton Campus and the Great Oaks' Scarlet Oaks Campus. The program is structured to be completed in three continuous semesters of day or evening classes.

Licensed practical nurses share in the responsibility for patient care within the established guidelines of the Ohio Nurse Practice Act. The Practical Nursing Certificate prepares students through concurrent classroom education and clinical practice in the areas of basic nursing skills, maternal and infant care, adult and child health, gerontological nursing, mental health concepts, and community health.

Program graduates are eligible to take the national standardized NCLEX-PN exam for licensure as a Practical Nurse. Passing a nationally standardized comprehensive exam is part of the requirements for the final course in the certificate program.

Admission to the Practical Nursing Certificate program requires completion of Selective Admission requirements. Interested students should speak to an advisor and attend an information session.

Enrollment requirements include:

- Submit written proof of current registration as a State Tested Nurse Aide prior to applying for Selective Admission. Students may complete the Nurse Aide Certificate course (MCH 130) to prepare for the state test.
- Complete a criminal background check, CPR certification, and a statement of health form.
- Have a total grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher, and a GPA of 2.00 or higher in math and science courses.

For more information, please contact the Health and Public Safety Division at (513) 569-1670.

To apply for this program at Cincinnati State, visit our Admissions Page (<http://www.cincinnati-state.edu/academics/admission>)

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Program Prerequisites: Students seeking admission to the Practical Nursing Certificate program must complete selective enrollment requirements. Students should meet with their academic advisor to discuss eligibility and deadlines for selective enrollment.

Semester 1		Lec	Lab	Credits
PN 101	Practical Nursing Concepts 1	5	9	8
FYE 1XX	First Year Experience Elective	1	0	1
BIO 1XX	Biology Elective	3	2	4
Semester 2				

PN 102	Practical Nursing Concepts 2	7	9	10
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	0	3
Semester 3				
PN 103	Practical Nursing Concepts 3	4	6	6
MCH 100	Healthcare Informatics	2	0	2
PN 185	Practical Nursing Role Transition	2	8	2
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3	0	3
Total Credits:		30	34	39

Electives

First Year Experience Elective

FYE 100	College Survival Skills	1
FYE 105	College Success Strategies	2
FYE 110	Community College Experience	3

Biology Elective

BIO 117 & BIO 127	Human Body in Health and Disease and Human Body in Health and Disease Laboratory	4
BIO 151 & BIO 152	Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Anatomy and Physiology 2	8

Faculty

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