

# Practical Nurse Certificate

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## SAMPLE PROGRAM SEQUENCE

	Semester Credits
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	
SCI2215 Life Sciences .....	6
SOC2225 Introduction to Psychology.....	3
NUR1100 Foundations of Nursing .....	8
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	
NUR1200 Pharmacology.....	3
NUR1300 Nursing Concepts I.....	8
NUR1400 Special Topics in Nursing .....	6
<b>THIRD SEMESTER</b>	
NUR2100 Nursing Concepts II.....	10
NUR2200 Transition into Practice .....	6

50 SEMESTER CREDITS  
REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

NOTE: Governing regulations may disqualify individuals from obtaining professional certification in this field based upon health or criminal records. Therefore, in addition to meeting the immunization requirements of Berkeley College and the State of New Jersey, students applying to the Practical Nurse program must provide authorization for a criminal background check prior to registration and submit a physical assessment by a licensed medical professional prior to participating in clinical rotations. Students enrolled in the Practical Nurse program are required to purchase their own malpractice insurance.

Extensive criminal background checks may be repeated after admission at the request of clinical facilities, and positive findings may prevent students from completing the clinical portion of the program, graduating, and participating in certification exams. Health requirements required for clinical courses are extensive and may total several hundred dollars. The costs of these health requirements are borne by the student.

To qualify for graduation, students must pass all Nursing (NUR) courses, Life Sciences, and Introduction to Psychology with a minimum grade of C+.

Graduates of the Practical Nurse program are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN licensure examination. Passing this exam is required to work as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

This program also requires students to obtain specific supplies, the cost of which totals approximately \$740.00. Detailed, itemized information describing the required supplies and listing typical prices for each such item is available at [BerkeleyStore.BerkeleyCollege.edu](http://BerkeleyStore.BerkeleyCollege.edu) and/or [BerkeleyCollege.edu/gainfulemployment/practical\\_nurse\\_certificate\\_statistics\\_sem.htm](http://BerkeleyCollege.edu/gainfulemployment/practical_nurse_certificate_statistics_sem.htm).

Any required traditional textbooks and/or some required supplies are included as part of the charge for tuition and fees and will be distributed to students. Please note, however, that students have the right to obtain traditional textbooks, and/or certain required items, from other sources. Students who demonstrate that they have obtained required item(s) from another source may return the items distributed by the College and receive a refund of the amount charged by the College for the specific item.

Under certain circumstances the need to take developmental College Skills courses may lengthen the time required to complete the student's program, and may result in increased costs to a student.

For more information about Berkeley College graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed programs, and other important disclosures, please visit [BerkeleyCollege.edu/gainful-employment/practical\\_nurse\\_certificate\\_statistics\\_sem.htm](http://BerkeleyCollege.edu/gainful-employment/practical_nurse_certificate_statistics_sem.htm)