

Practical Nurse Certificate

PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Reading and Written Communication: Students will demonstrate competent writing and reading throughout their programs of study.
2. Oral Communication: Students will demonstrate effective oral communication skills in both general and major-specific contexts.
3. Critical Analysis and Reasoning: Students will use critical analysis and reasoning, supported by knowledge and skills learned throughout their programs, to enhance personal and professional decision making:
 - Quantitative analysis and reasoning
 - Analysis and reasoning in the humanities, sciences, social sciences, and arts
 - Ethical analysis and reasoning
 - Reasoning in career-related contexts
4. Knowledge and Skills for Living in a Diverse Society: Students will consider multiple perspectives (quantitative and qualitative, among individuals, from different cultural contexts, etc.) when making decisions independently or as part of a team.
5. Information Literacy: Students will define and articulate their needs for information and access this information effectively and efficiently.
6. Integration of Learning: Students will develop the ability to integrate their learning, making connections within their major, between fields, between curricular and co-curricular activities, and between academic knowledge and practice.
7. Demonstrate professional behaviors of accountability and professionalism according to the legal and ethical standards for a competent Licensed Practical Nurse.
8. Prepare students to effectively interact with patients, families, and members of the healthcare team in a therapeutic and professional manner.
9. Collect holistic assessment data from multiple sources, communicate the data to appropriate healthcare providers, and document client responses to interventions.
10. Collaborate with the registered nurse or other members of the healthcare team to organize and incorporate assessment data to plan/revise patient care and actions based on established nursing diagnoses, nursing protocols, and assessment and evaluation data.
11. Demonstrate a caring and empathic approach to the safe, therapeutic, and individualized care of each client.
12. Perform basic nursing skills and utilize critical thinking skills to formulate positive conclusions as they relate to nursing practice.
13. Educate students regarding the ethical, legal, and professional principles of the healthcare profession and the scope of their practice as a patient advocate.
14. Instruct students to employ HIPAA, OSHA, Standard Precautions, and other infection control measures in the healthcare setting.
15. Ensure students enter the workforce as qualified and technically skilled healthcare professionals in the ever-changing healthcare environment.