

Practical Nursing (CER-LPN)

Program Location: Atmore and Thomasville Campuses

Nursing and Allied Health Division

Length: Three Semesters

This is a full-time day program designed to prepare students to practice as competent Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) after passing the licensure exam. Students who successfully complete the three semesters (45 credit hours) are awarded a Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate and are eligible to take the licensure exam to become an LPN. Licensure by the Boards of Nursing may be denied if an applicant has been convicted of a criminal offense, has abused drugs or alcohol, has a history of chemical dependency or mental illness, has been placed on the federal abuse registry, or has been administratively discharged from the armed services.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Unconditional admission to the College and active student in good standing (minimum, cumulative 2.0 GPA).
2. Submit original transcripts from all schools attended to the registrar or admissions office by application deadline.
3. Submit a completed Practical Nursing Program Application by stated deadline.
4. Hold a minimum GPA of 2.5 for the academic core courses in the program or cumulative 2.5 GPA if a high school student without prior college coursework.
5. Be eligible for ENG 101, MTH 116, and BIO 201.
6. Meet essential eligibility criteria.

Completion of the above requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. Prospective students are rank ordered using a point system to determine acceptance into the program.

Students are selected based on the following point system:

1. Score on ACT (no minimum composite score required)
2. Three points are awarded for an A, two for a B, and one for a C in ENG 101, MTH 116 or higher level math, BIO 201, and BIO 202
3. One point each is awarded for completion of PSY 210, SPH 106 or 107, BIO 220, and a Humanities course with a C or higher (BIO 220 and a Humanities elective are not required for the PN Certificate)
4. Three points may be awarded if the student is currently certified in a health occupation that requires direct contact with patients, such as Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Certified Medical Assistant, Licensed Basic or Advanced EMT, Certified Dental Assistant, Certified Veterinary Technician, Certified Phlebotomist, or Certified Surgical Technologist. Proof (Copy of the Certificate of completion) must be submitted with the application in order to receive extra points. Alternatively, applicants who have completed a chemistry or higher-level math (such as MTH 110, 112, or 265) with a grade of "C" or higher may be awarded 3 extra points. Applicants may receive up to 3 extra points total for this section. Example: Applicants will NOT receive 3 points for a higher-level math and 3 points for being a CNA.
5. Three points are awarded for completion of all six general education courses required in the practical nursing program with a C or higher.

Once selected for the program, students are required to provide the following: drug screen, background check, physical exam showing ability to meet essential functions, record of immunizations, proof of medical insurance and American Heart Association BLS CPR certification for the healthcare provider. All nursing courses must be passed with a minimum of 75 (C) in order to progress in the program. A nursing testing fee is assessed each semester.

Note: Students desiring to obtain BLS CPR certification at Coastal may enroll in EMS 100 during the first semester of the Nursing Program.

It is highly recommended that students take the biology courses and other general education courses prior to beginning the nursing coursework.

This is a career program designed for students to go directly into the labor market upon completion. Although some of the courses in this program will transfer to four-year institutions, this program is not designed to be a transfer program of study; therefore, it is not subject to the terms and conditions of Alabama Transfers state transfer and articulation reporting system.

ACCREDITATION: The Associate Degree and Practical Nursing programs of Coastal Alabama Community College are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN).

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Coastal Alabama Community College's Simulation Program has been awarded full accreditation by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) in the areas of Teaching/Education. This status has been granted from November 10, 2023, through December 31, 2028. The mission of the Simulation Program at Coastal Alabama Community College is to prepare all learners to be competent in providing safe patient care within the global community.

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Subject: Nursing and Allied Health

Type: Certificate

Suggested Prior to Program Admission

It is suggested that students complete the general education courses required for the practical nursing program prior to program admission. Please note that Math 116, Mathematical Application, or a higher level math such as MTH 100, Intermediate College Algebra, fulfills the math requirement. SPH 106 or 107 fulfills the speech requirement. ORI 101, Orientation to College, will be required of first time college students.

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
	BIO 103 or BIO 201	4
	MTH 116 or more advanced	3
	SPH 106 or SPH 107	3
ORI 101	Orientation to College	1

Suggested Prior to Program Admission

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 210	Human Growth and Development	3
	BIO 201 or BIO 202	4
	Math or Chem Elective	0-4
	Humanities and Fine Arts Elective	3

Suggested Prior to Program Admission

It is suggested students complete BIO 202, Anatomy and Physiology II, and BIO 220, Microbiology, prior to program admission if possible. Microbiology is not a requirement of the practical nursing program, but is awarded a point in the selection process.

Item #	Title	Credits
BIO 202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 220	General Microbiology	4

Semester One

MTH 116, or more advanced Math, and BIO 201, Anatomy and Physiology I, are required if not already completed with a C or higher.

EMS 100 is an optional course for students to pursue CPR certification for the healthcare provider.

Item #	Title	Credits
EMS 100	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation I	1
BIO 201	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
NUR 112	Fundamental Concepts of Nursing	7
	MTH 116 or more advanced	3

Semester Two

ENG 101, PSY 210, and BIO 202 are required if not already completed with a C or higher.

Item #	Title	Credits
BIO 202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
PSY 210	Human Growth and Development	3
NUR 113	Nursing Concepts I	8

Semester Three

SPH 106 or 107 is required if not already completed with a C or higher.

Item #	Title	Credits
NUR 114	Nursing Concepts II	8
NUR 115	Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning	2
	SPH 106 or SPH 107	3
	Total credits:	45