



**NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH DIVISION**

**NURSING PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)**

**Certificate**

**(Pending Approval)**

**Program Location: Bay Minette Campus**

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 of a felony, 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:**

To be eligible, applicants must be in good standing (minimum GPA of 2.0) at Coastal Alabama, have original transcripts from all schools attended in the Registrar’s Office, 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, and be eligible for EN G101, MTH 100, and BIO 201.

Students are selected based on the following point system:

1. Score on ACT with a minimum composite score of 18 required
2. Three points are awarded for an A, two for a B, and one for a C in ENG 101, MTH 100, 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
4. Three points are awarded for completion of a higher-level Math or Chemistry with a C or higher (MTH 116, Mathematical Applications, is not a higher-level Math course)
5. Three points are awarded for completion of all eight general education courses required in the nursing program with a C or higher

A separate nursing application is required. Application deadlines, application packets, information sessions, and ACT registration dates are available on Coastal Alabama’s website. Once selected for the program, students are required to provide the following: drug screen, background check, physical exam showing ability to meet essential eligibility criteria, records of immunizations, proof of medical insurance and American Heart Association CPR. All nursing courses must be passed with a minimum of 75 (C) in order to progress in the program. A nursing testing fee will be assessed each semester.

It is highly recommended that students take the 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 STARS.

<b>AREA I: Written Composition</b>	<b>3 Total Hours</b>
ENG 101 – English Composition I	3
<b>AREA II: Humanities and Fine Arts</b>	<b>3 Total Hours</b>
Choose one of the following: SPH 106 – Fundamentals of Oral Communication SPH 107 – Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

<b>AREA III: Natural Sciences and Mathematics</b>	<b>11 Total Hours</b>
MTH 100 – Intermediate College Algebra <b>or</b> more advanced	3
MTH 110 – Finite Mathematics	
MTH 112 – Precalculus Algebra	
MTH 113 – Precalculus Trigonometry	
MTH 120 – Calculus and its Applications	
MTH 125 – Calculus I	3
MTH 126 – Calculus II	
MTH 265 – Elementary Statistics	
BIO 201 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 202 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
<b>AREA IV: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences</b>	<b>3 Total Hours</b>
PSY 210 – Human Growth and Development	3
<b>AREA V: Pre-Professional, Major, and Elective Courses</b>	<b>25 Total Hours</b>
NUR 112 – Fundamental Concepts of Nursing	7
NUR 113 – Nursing Concepts I	8
NUR 114 – Nursing Concepts II	8
NUR 115 – Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning	2
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>45 SH</b>