

Nursing Practical Nurse (LPN) Certificate

Program Location: Bay Minette Campus

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 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 ENG101, MTH100, and BIO 201.

Students are selected based on the following point system:

ACT with a minimum composite score of 18 required

1. Score on

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 six general education courses required in the practical 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 functions, record of immunizations, proof of medical insurance and American Heart 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 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 STARS.

Program: Nursing

Type: Certificate

Suggested Prior to Program Admission

It is suggested that students complete general education courses required for the associate degree nursing program prior to program admission. Please note that Math 116, Mathematical Applications, does not fulfill the Math requirement. SPH 106 or 107 fulfills the Speech requirement. ORI 101, Orientation to College, will be required for first time college students.

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
	BIO 103 or BIO 201	4
	MTH 100 or more advanced	3
	SPH 106 or SPH 107	3

Suggested Prior to Program Admission

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

Semester One

MTH 100, or more advanced Math, and BIO 201 are required if not already completed with a C or higher. Please note that MTH 116, Mathematical Applications, does not fulfill the Math requirement.

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

Semester Two

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

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

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 107	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
	Total credits:	45