

PRACTICAL NURSING DIPLOMA

Purpose: The Practical Nursing Program provides students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to provide direct nursing care to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, home health care, and community-based settings. The program is 39 credits and 2.5 semesters in length.

Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination-Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN) and enter the profession of nursing as defined by Minnesota statutes (148.171 Subd. 14, Practice of Practical Nursing).

Award

Practical Nursing Diploma

39 credits total

Nursing curriculum

27 credits

MnTC curriculum/General Education

12 credits

RECOMMENDED FULL-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE

Not all courses are scheduled every semester. See course schedule: <https://eservices.minnstate.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=306>.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
PNM 1210 Success in Nursing	1 cr	PNM 1320 Family and Mental Health Concepts	6 cr
PNM 1250 Nursing Fundamentals in the Care of the Older Adult	7 cr	PNM 1340 Adult Nursing	6 cr
PNM 1200 Pharmacology for Practical Nursing	3 cr	PSYC 2618 General Psychology	4 cr
ENGL 1117 Reading and Writing Critically (Goal 1)	4 cr		
BIOL 1107 Fundamentals of Anatomy & Physiology	4 cr		
Total Credits	19	Total Credits	16
Semester 3			
PNM 1440 Integrated Clinical Application			4 cr
		Total Credits	4

Course descriptions can be found at: <https://www.rctc.edu/academics/courses/course-descriptions>.