

## PRACTICAL NURSE

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

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The Practical Nurse program prepares individuals to function as entry-level practical nurses with the ability to give safe, effective nursing care. The Practical Nurse program at Montana State University - Great Falls College of Technology is currently approved by the Montana State Board of Nursing.

Upon completion of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Practical Nursing, students will be prepared to begin a successful career as a practical nurse. Students are prepared to sit for the national licensure examination for practical nursing.

#### OUTCOMES: GRADUATES ARE PREPARED TO:

- Administer effective and ethical individual patient care.
- Communicate professionally with all medical and supportive staff.
- Integrate bio-psychosocial and scientific principles while providing technically competent care in a variety of healthcare settings.
- Work in a variety of health care settings such as hospitals, ambulatory care, physician's offices, home healthcare, dialysis, assisted living facilities, and other geriatric environments.
- Promote lifelong learning fostering the development of professional growth, critical thinking, and leadership.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the major health problems affecting our society.

The Practical Nurse program is a limited enrollment program. Interested students must apply for entry into the program. An application packet is available on the program website and from the Health Science Program Assistant. The length of the program is three consecutive semesters. Accepted students will be required to provide proof of Health Care Provider CPR certification, negative Tuberculosis test, and complete the Student Immunization and Verification form before the beginning of the fall semester. Computer skills are highly recommended.

The Hepatitis B immunization series is strongly recommended before entrance into the program. A student may be denied access to clinical rotations without an adequate Hepatitis B titer. Students having religious or personal conflicts against receiving Hepatitis B vaccine must sign a release form.

#### ESTIMATED RESIDENT PROGRAM COST\*:

Tuition and Fees	\$	6,531
Application Fee	\$	30
Insurance	\$	23
Uniforms	\$	225
Course Fees	\$	257
Program Fee	\$	135
Books/Supplies	\$	2,228
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,428</b>

\*MUS Student Health Insurance Premium approx. \$851/semester if needed. Students will be charged an additional fee of \$20 per credit for online/hybrid courses.

#### PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

The following courses must be completed prior to admission into the Practical Nurse Program. All prerequisite course work must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" in each course and a minimum cumulative GPA in prerequisite course work of 2.0. Grades in prerequisite courses are a major factor in ranking applications for program acceptance.

#### FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE NO.	TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE
BIOH 201**	Anatomy & Physiology I/Lab	4†	_____
CHMY 121*	Introduction to General Chemistry/ Lab	3/1†	_____
M 121**	College Algebra	3†	_____
NRSG 100	Introduction to Nursing	1†	_____
	Subtotal	12	

#### SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE NO.	TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE
NUTR 121*	Clinical Human Nutrition	2†	_____
BIOH 211*	Anatomy & Physiology II/Lab	4†	_____
WRIT 101**	College Writing I	3†	_____
PSYX 100	Intro to Psychology	3†	_____
	Subtotal	12	

Science courses must be completed within five (5) years of application to the program and other courses must be completed within 15 years of applying to the Practical Nurse Program.

#### PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS AFTER FORMAL ACCEPTANCE

Once enrolled in nursing courses, a minimum of a grade of "C" in all courses is required to continue in the program. In the clinical setting, students must achieve a grade of 75% in all rotations of each clinical experience.

The courses listed below are required in the program of study for the Associate of Applied Science degree in Practical Nursing. The courses are offered at MSU—Great Falls College of Technology in the following sequence:

#### FALL SEMESTER

COURSE NO.	TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE
NRSG 130*	Fundamentals of Nursing	7†	_____
NRSG 135*	Nursing Pharmacology	3†	_____
NRSG 138*	Gerontology for Nursing	2†	_____
	Subtotal	12	

#### SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE NO.	TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE
NRSG 140*	Adult Nursing	7†	_____
NRSG 142*	Maternal Child Nursing	3†	_____
NRSG 144*	Mental Health Nursing	2†	_____
NRSG 148*	Leadership Issues	2†	_____
	Subtotal	14	

#### SUGGESTED ELECTIVES

COURSE NO.	TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE
AH 120*	IV Therapy	1	_____

\* This class is a highly recommended addition to the standard nursing curriculum. It will provide you with IV certification which many employers value or require for employment.

#### TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS - 50~

~ Many students need preliminary math, writing, and biology courses before enrolling in the program requirements. These courses may increase the total number of program credits. Students should review their math and English placement before planning out their full program schedules.