

# PROGRAM IN PRACTICAL NURSING

## THE COLLEGE

Mineral Area College offers an educationally-centered, college-controlled program in Licensed Practical Nursing. Two program entry options are available within this program; Option A (Generic) and Option B (Fast Track). They provide a total of 54 or 60 credit hours (not including prerequisites) respectively comprising a 3 semester curriculum leading to a Certificate in Practical Nursing. Option B PN students desiring to become an RN have the opportunity to further their education without repetition of successfully completed courses and allow educational completion to occur in a timely manner. The program is one calendar year in length. Classes begin every August.

Graduates of both Practical Nursing options are prepared to perform services inclusive of assessing the health status of individuals with common health problems and predictable outcomes, participate in the development and modification of client care, implement appropriate aspects of client care under the direction of a registered nurse or licensed physician, and participate in the evaluation of client care. The Practical Nurse is prepared to provide care in acute and chronic care settings, rehabilitation facilities, and health care settings promoting preventative care. Practical Nurses are practicing in a changing environment of expanding roles within the health care setting and practice extends into specialized nursing services. Practical Nurses are well prepared to provide direct client bedside care and serve as client advocates.

Upon successful completion of the program, the student is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Satisfactory achievement on the examination will qualify graduates to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) (refer to Missouri Nursing Practice Act chapter 335). Successful completion of the program does not guarantee eligibility to take the licensure examination.

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Mineral Area College is fully accredited by the Missouri Department of Education and the:

North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

Commission on Institutions of Higher Education  
30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400  
Chicago, IL 60602  
1-800-621-7440

The Program in Practical Nursing has approval of the State Department of Education and has full approval of the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Be a graduate of an approved high school or the equivalent as determined by appropriate accrediting agencies.
2. Applicants are required to have basic computer knowledge as evidenced by:
  - a. A high school computer course, or
  - b. A college computer course
3. **Prerequisite courses:** Must be completed by the end of the Fall Semester with a grade of C or above.
  - a. Elementary Algebra
  - b. English Composition I
  - c. **FOR OPTION B ONLY:**
    - Introductory Chemistry must be completed by end of summer semester with a grade of C or above.
  - d. Equivalent high school courses may be substituted if completed in the past five years with a grade of "C" or above: (substituted does not mean college credit is granted).
    1. English Comp I - for college credit
    2. Math - Algebra I and Algebra II
    3. Chemistry
4. **American College Test (ACT) or COMPASS: Must be completed by December 15<sup>th</sup>!**
  - a. ACT- Applicants must have taken the ACT by the December test date, and have the following minimum scores:
    1. English - 18
    2. Math - 19 and a grade of C or above in Elementary Algebra
    3. Composite - 19
  - b. COMPASS - Applicants must have taken the ACT COMPASS by December 15<sup>th</sup> and have the following minimum scores:
    1. Writing - 68
    2. Algebra - 36
5. Have a **Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5** or above.
6. Evidence the personal qualification necessary for a nursing career as determined by Mineral Area College.
7. Applications for the nursing programs will be accepted from **Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> until Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> of each school year for the class beginning the following fall semester.** Application deadline may be extended. **Please submit applications early so reference letters can be returned before selection.**
8. The following credentials must be on file in the Allied Health Department prior to Selection. It is the student's responsibility to assure these documents are on file. There is a \$20 application fee.
  - a. Application form
  - b. High school transcript or GED scores (official copies, not hand-carried)
  - c. ACT or COMPASS scores
  - d. College or University transcripts (official copies, not hand-carried)
  - e. List complete names and addresses for references on application. A college form letter will be sent to those listed.
  - f. Handwritten autobiography (3 - 5 pages)
9. All applicants who have been accepted into the program are considered on conditional status pending completion of the physical examinations by a qualified physician, stating they are free of emotional, physical, infectious, and/or contagious disease, passing the drug screen, passing the background check, and successfully completing all pre-requisite courses.

10. Persons who do not meet the above requirements should contact the Chairperson of the Allied Health Department or the Vocational Counselor.
11. No classes may be added after the first three days of fall & spring classes without permission of the Dean.
12. A personal interview may be required.

Acceptance of high school students will be considered conditional until a final high school transcript is submitted. Selection is based on seven semesters of high school credit.

### HOUSING

College Park offers on-campus housing. Please contact (573)518-1330 for information.

### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

The application forms may be obtained from Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> by contacting:

Mineral Area College  
 Allied Health Department  
 P.O. Box 1000  
 Park Hills, MO 63601  
 (573)518-2172  
 www.MineralArea.edu



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## OPTION A (Generic) CURRICULUM

### Pre-requisites:

MAT 0950 Elementary Algebra	3 cr. hr.
ENG 1330 English Comp I	3 cr. hr.

### First Semester

NUR 1290 Fundamentals of Nursing	6 cr. hr.
NUR 1300 Therapeutic Nutrition	3 cr. hr.
NUR 1310 Personal & Vocational Concepts	1 cr. hr.
NUR 1370 Basic Pharmacology	2 cr. hr.
BIO 2600 Human Anatomy	5 cr. hr.
PSY 1250 Human Growth & Development	<u>3 cr. hr.</u>
	20 cr. hr.

### Second Semester

NUR 1350 Maternity Nursing	4 cr. hr.
NUR 1430 Mental Health Nursing	4 cr. hr.
PSY 1130 General Psychology	3 cr. hr.
NUR 1420 Pediatric Nursing	3 cr. hr.
NUR 1320 Geriatric Nursing	<u>2 cr. hr.</u>
	16 cr. hr.

### Third Semester

NUR 1380 Medical-Surgical Nursing	12 cr. hr.
NUR 1410 Applied Pharmacology	1 cr. hr.
NUR 1270 Body Function	2 cr. hr.
HLT 2400 Intravenous Therapy	<u>3 cr. hr.</u>
	18 cr. hr.

(Pre-requisites = 6 cr. hr.)  
 Total credit hours = 60 cr. hr. (6+54)

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## OPTION B (Fast Track) CURRICULUM

### Pre-Requisites:

MAT 0950 Elementary Algebra	3 cr. hr.
ENG 1330 English Comp. I	3 cr. hr.
PHS 1250 Introductory Chemistry	5 cr. hr.

### First Semester

NUR 1290 Fundamentals of Nursing	6 cr. hr.
NUR 1300 Therapeutic Nutrition	3 cr. hr.
NUR 1310 Personal & Vocational Concepts	1 cr. hr.
NUR 1370 Basic Pharmacology	2 cr. hr.
BIO 2600 Human Anatomy	5 cr. hr.
PSY 1250 Human Growth & Development	<u>3 cr. hr.</u>
	20 cr. hr.

### Second Semester

NUR 1350 Maternity Nursing	4 cr. hr.
NUR 1430 Mental Health Nursing	4 cr. hr.
PSY 1130 General Psychology	3 cr. hr.
NUR 1420 Pediatric Nursing	3 cr. hr.
NUR 1320 Geriatric Nursing	2 cr. hr.
BIO 2620 Human Physiology	<u>5 cr. hr.</u>
	21 cr. hr.

### Third Semester

NUR 1380 Medical-Surgical Nursing	12 cr. hr.
NUR 1410 Applied Pharmacology	1 cr. hr.
ENG 1340 English Comp. II	3 cr. hr.
HLT 2400 Intravenous Therapy	<u>3 cr. hr.</u>
	19 cr. hr.

(Student could take general education courses such as Government or Sociology for ADN program if desired during third trimester if English Comp. II already completed.)

(Pre-requisites = 11 cr. hr.)  
 Total credit hours = 71 cr. hr. (11+60)

Upon successful completion of the above curriculum, graduates that qualify for Advanced Placement may be selected to the sophomore year of the ADN program.

