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 65 or 71 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
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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 strongly encouraged to have basic computer knowledge as evidenced by a high school or college computer course.
3. Prerequisite courses Must be for college credit and completed by the end of the Fall Semester with a grade of C or above.
   a. Intermediate Algebra
   b. English Composition
   c. Introductory Chemistry
4. American College Test (ACT), COMPASS or Accuplacer Must be completed by December 15th:
   a. ACT:
      1. English - 18
      2. Math - 19
      3. Reading - 18
   b. COMPASS - This test no longer exists. Scores may be used for the applications due by December 15, 2017. After that time, compass scores will no longer be used. The following are the minimum scores:
      1. Writing - 70
      2. Algebra - 38
      3. Reading - 81
   c. ACCUPLACER - The following are the minimum scores:
      1. Sentence Skills - 92
      2. Elementary Math Score - 97
      3. Reading - 85
5. Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or above. GPA is based on the following courses: Introductory Chemistry, Intermediate Algebra and English Composition I. If a student has a higher level course with a higher grade, that grade will be used to calculate their GPA. (Ex. Comp. I - "C" and Comp. II - "A". The higher grade will be used.)
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 April 15 until Dec. 15th of each school year for the class beginning the following fall semester. Application deadline may be extended. Please submit applications early so interviews can be scheduled.
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 nursing application fee.
   a. Nursing Application form
   b. High school transcript or GED/HiSET scores (official copies, not hand-carried)
   c. ACT, COMPASS or ACCUPLACER scores
   d. College or University transcripts (official copies, not hand-carried)
   e. 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 prerequisite 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 will be required.

Selection is based on GPA from English Comp I, Intermediate Algebra and Introductory Chemistry (weighted 50%), ACT, Compass or Accuplacer scores (weighted 25%) and Personal Interview (weighted 25%).
OPTION A (Generic) CURRICULUM

Pre-requisites:
MAT 1130 Intermediate 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 3 cr. hr. 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. 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 3 cr. hr. 18 cr. hr.

(Pre-requisites = 11 cr. hr.)
Total credit hours = 65 cr. hr. (11+54)

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OPTION B (Fast Track) CURRICULUM

Pre-Requisites:
MAT 1130 Intermediate 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 3 cr. hr. 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. 5 cr. hr. 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 3 cr. hr. 19 cr. hr.

(Student could take general education courses such as American Political Systems 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 apply to the sophomore year of the ADN program. Students are required to pass a dosage calculation and medication practicum exam with a 95% prior to taking Medical Surgical Nursing I (ADN-1490) in mid-August.