

 Prairie State College

Nursing Program Information Booklet 2017



Table of Contents

Introduction.	1
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN).	1
BRIDGING OPTION FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES.	1
BASIC NURSE ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM.	1
Application and Admission Procedures.	2
Application.	2
Prerequisites.	2
Essential Functional Abilities of the Nurse.	3
Transfer Credit.	4
Assessment Note.	4
Application Evaluation.	4
Orientation.	4
Ranking Process.	5
Proof of Residency.	5
SELECTION OF STUDENTS FOR THE FALL CLASS.	6
Preliminaries for Accepted Students Only.	6
Applicants Approved but Not Accepted for Registration.	7
Nursing Students Who Fail or Withdraw.	7
Legal Profile of the Registered Nurse in Illinois.	7
Nursing Program Evaluation Form	8
Applicant Ranking Form	9
Nursing Program Intent Form.	10
LPN-ADN Progression Track (Bridge).	11
Admission Procedure.	11
Testing Requirements.	12
Selection Process.	12
Accepted Students.	12
LPN-ADN Progression Program Requirements (Bridge).	13
LPN-ADN Progression Track Intent Form (Bridge).	14
Basic Nursing Assistant Training Program.	15
Prerequisites.	15
Physical Examination.	15
Criminal Background Check.	15
Uniforms.	15
Basic Nursing Assistant Competency Examination.	16
Current Advanced Bedside Care Provider Requirements.	16
Advanced Bedside Care Provider Requirements as of 8/1/17.	16
Mission Statement of the Nursing Department.	17
Program Outcomes.	17
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES.	17

Revised 5/04, 7/04, 3/05, 10/05, 10/06, 10/07, 4/08, 2/09, 4/10, 3/11, 2/12 , 3/13, 4/14, 3/15, 6/16

Introduction

Prairie State College offers three different Nursing programs described below. Questions about admissions may be addressed to Enrollment Services at (708) 709-3517.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN)

This program leads to the Associate in Applied Science Degree and is based on a two-year model. Students who are accepted into the program will, assuming satisfactory academic performance, begin nursing studies during the fall semester and graduate at the end of the second subsequent spring semester. Students interested in this program should pay particular attention to the prerequisite courses that are required for admission and note the deadlines listed for steps in the admissions process.

Upon completion of the program, students are granted the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing degree. This credential allows one to apply to take the NCLEX-RN licensure examination to become a registered nurse.

BRIDGING OPTION FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

To qualify for advanced placement in the nursing program the applicant is required to take the Nursing 101 proficiency exam. This test includes a math, theory, and lab skills component. If the student is successful, he/she will be admitted to Nursing 102 with a spring start. If the student is unsuccessful, he/she may make application to begin the generic program with a fall start. There is no preferential placement of LPN candidates for the generic program. In the event there are insufficient seats available for all qualified candidates, the seat will be awarded based on a random draw of qualified applicants.

Upon successful completion of the core curriculum, an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing will be awarded. This credential allows the graduate to apply to take the NCLEX-RN licensure examination to become a registered nurse.

BASIC NURSE ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM

Prairie State College also offers training for those who wish to work as a nurse assistant in hospitals and/or long-term care facilities. Successful completion of this program qualifies a student for the Illinois Basic Nursing Assistant Certificate and to sit for the state approved Competency Examination.

The Advanced Bedside Care Provider Certificate provides practicing nursing assistants with additional instruction in oral communication and increases their understanding in human behavior.

Application and Admission Procedures

APPLICATION

Application to the Prairie State College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program consists of the PSC Admission Application, a completed "Nursing Program Intent Form," high school transcripts, any college transcripts, and the placement test, administered through the college's Counseling and Academic Advising Center (if necessary).

Important—Please note: The Nursing Program Intent Form will not be accepted until the placement test has been taken and all required developmental courses have been completed with a "C" or better. Applicants may submit original ACT/SAT scores no older than five (5) years.

After receipt of the Prairie State College Application, Nursing Program Intent Form, Assessment Scores and transcripts, an evaluation will be mailed to each applicant indicating the completed prerequisites on file, to date, in Enrollment Services. Should the applicant's record not agree with Enrollment Services, it is the obligation and responsibility of the applicant to notify the office immediately. It is also the applicant's responsibility to follow up with Enrollment Services regarding receipt of all required documents. Following the application deadline the student will receive a formal evaluation of his/her status for the application period. If ALL prerequisites have been completed, the next step will be an orientation session with the Nursing Department faculty.

PREREQUISITES

Applicants must fulfill the following requirements by February 1 in order to be considered for Fall semester program admission:

- A. Transcripts -All academic transcripts must be submitted to Prairie State College by February 1. When submitting transcripts, a Transcript Evaluation Request Form must also be submitted.
- B. Skills Prerequisites -All requirements must be met with grades of "C" or better. The most recent method of fulfilling these requirements will be counted.
 - 1. English - Placement in PSC's ENG 101 or successful completion of PSC's ENG 099.
 - 2. Mathematics - Placement in PSC's MATH 095 or higher or successful completion of PSC's MATH 090.
 - 3. Reading - Placement in PSC's ENG 101 or successful completion of PSC's ENG 099.
- C. Program Prerequisites
 - 1. BIOL 221 - Human Anatomy & Physiology I (prerequisites: BIOL 111 - Cellular and Molecular Biology with a grade of "C" or better; or CHEM 105 - Survey of General Chemistry with a grade of "C" or better. All sciences must be no older than five years at program admission.

2. Successful completion of the Certified Nursing Assistant Program (PSC NURS 100) or any other Illinois Department of Public Health CNA course and current status on the Illinois CNA registry. Currency will be determined by a documented work record as a CNA in the last two years. If an applicant is no longer current, you will need to either repeat the CNA course or pass the manual skills exam by February 1. Applicants who have successfully completed the course but have not yet completed the CNA competency exam must have a certificate of CNA completion in Enrollment Services no later than February 1. They must have tested and be listed on the Illinois CNA registry no later than May 1 of the application year.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONAL ABILITIES OF THE NURSE

Nurses must be in good health. Attendance to both the classroom and clinical agencies is vital to the student's success. Other essential functions the nurse must possess are:

Motor Capability	Sensory Capability	Communication Ability	Problem Solving Ability	Behavioral Skills and Professionalism
Move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.	Coordinate verbal and manual instruction.	Communicate effectively in English with clients, families and other health care providers both verbally and in writing.	Function effectively under stress.	Follow policies and procedures required by academic and clinical settings.
Squat, stoop/bend, reach above shoulder level, use standing balance, walk stairs.	Auditory ability sufficient to hear verbal communication from clients and members of the health team; includes ability to respond to emergency signals.	Effectively adapt communication for intended audience.	Respond rapidly and appropriately to emergencies.	Adheres to Prairie State College Academic Honesty Policy (per College catalog).
Lift 50 pounds and exert up to 100 pounds force to push/pull.	Discern soft sounds, such as those associated with taking a blood pressure.	Interact; establish rapport with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.	Adhere to infection control procedures.	Adheres to Prairie State College Code of Conduct (per College catalog).
Use hands repetitively; use manual dexterity; and demonstrate fine motor skills.	Visual acuity to acquire information from documents, charts.	Assume the role of a health care team member.	Demonstrate problem-solving skills in client care. (Measure, calculate, reason, prioritize and synthesize data).	Abides by the guidelines set forth in the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (i.e., the national privacy act).
Must be able to walk and stand for extended periods of time.	Comfortable working in close physical proximity to clients.	Function effectively and safely under supervision.	Use sound judgement and safety precautions.	
Perform CPR			Address problems or questions to the appropriate persons at the appropriate time.	
Travel to and from academic and clinical sites.			Organize and prioritize job tasks.	

Any applicant that does not believe he/she is able to meet the essential functions is advised to make an appointment with the Director of Nursing to explore what accommodations are available, if any, to meet these requirements.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Students who wish to transfer Anatomy & Physiology credits can only do so if both semesters (A & P I & II) have been successfully completed at the same institution.

ASSESSMENT NOTE

Prairie State College students are required to take the placement test prior to enrolling in English and/or math courses. It is used to determine appropriate first course placements for English, math and reading courses. Nursing applicants who have not completed English 101, math and college reading requirements must test for whatever portion is still lacking. Since this is required for admission you are advised to take the assessment instrument as soon as possible. Note: The required courses must have been completed with a grade of "C" or better. Example: If you submit a college transcript and you have not completed a math course or you received a C- or lower, you must complete the math portion of the Placement test before February 1.

APPLICATION EVALUATION

After all required documents are received, the Office of Enrollment Services will prepare an evaluation of the completed prerequisites on file. If, at this time, it is determined that the course work still needed could not feasibly be completed during the application year, the applicant will be advised to complete the necessary courses and to reapply by submitting a new Nursing Intent form with a new enrollment date. The applicant's name will then be removed from the present list of applicants, thus allowing both the student and the program to realistically plan for future admission.

An evaluation will be mailed approximately two to three weeks after submitting the Intent Form. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Enrollment Services Advisor if they have not received any correspondence prior to the application deadline. The evaluation should be retained for future reference as it will serve as proof of submission.

ORIENTATION

Applicants who have fulfilled all of the requirements listed under "prerequisites" by the deadline date will be invited to an orientation session. Orientation letters are mailed to qualified applicants within three weeks after the February 1 deadline. Applicants failing to attend the required orientation session will not be considered for the next Fall class.

Critical points that will be discussed during the orientation:

1. Comparison of nursing programs, e.g., LPN, ADN, Diploma, and BSN programs.
2. Classification of Prairie State's Nursing Program and subsequent opportunities.
3. Identification of potential student problem areas related to the nursing program.
4. Explanation of information specific to the Nursing program, e.g., uniforms, schedules, math, registration, and payment of fees.

5. Information on scheduling the HESIA2 exam and how the results will affect the applicant's rank score.

RANKING PROCESS

Since the number of students having an approved status is likely to be greater than the number allowed for the next Fall class, all approved students will be ranked according to grade points in the prerequisite courses and the general education courses within the nursing program. The courses used in the ranking system are listed in this booklet (see page 9). The student must earn at least a "C" grade in these courses.

The method of ranking is as follows:

Take the credit for the course and multiply that number by the grade point assigned (A=4, B=3, C=2) then add up the grade points to get the total point score for the rank score.

Example: BIOL 221 = 4 credits; a grade of A = 4 points. Therefore, $4 \times 4 = 16$ grade points.

Note: If the student has fulfilled any of the applicable courses in more than one way, the most recent course grades of at least a "C" or better will be used to determine the rank. If a student has completed two humanities courses, again, the most recent with a grade of "C" or better will be used. This does not apply to developmental courses. The most current grade or placement test score will be used for all developmental courses.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

In-district residents will be awarded five (5) additional points. The applicant must live in the Prairie State College district at least 90 days prior to the application deadline date. It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate residency status by submitting two (2) proofs of residency. The following documents may be presented to verify residency and must be in the student's name: voter's registration card, property tax statement, income tax return, mortgage or mortgage statement, utility bills (gas and electric), and bank statements. The proofs of residency must list the same address, and they must match the address shown on the student records in the Enrollment Services Office. Documents must be submitted by the application deadline date. If seats are limited and students are otherwise equally qualified, preference will be given to in-district students.

Candidates will also be required to take the HESIA2 exam which is a readiness test for the nursing curriculum. The student's composite score will be factored into the academic rank he/she has earned. Applicants must achieve a minimum score of 70. Students who have scored at least a 70 for 2016 may reuse their test scores. If you would like to retake, your most recent score will count.

The student will be required to complete the HESIA2 exam prior to the end of the spring semester. Dates and appointment times will be made available to the students after the mandatory orientation meeting has been attended. Students must pay \$35 (subject to change) to the Business Office to cover the cost of the exam and will be required to present the receipt when he/she takes the test. The final selection of students will take place after all testing has been completed.

SELECTION OF STUDENTS FOR THE FALL CLASS

The number of seats will be determined each year based on clinical site space and faculty numbers.

The ranking scores and, thus, the completed general education courses will be used as a basis for accepting registration for the next Fall class. If two or more applicants have the same rank, and a lesser number of seats are available for the next class, these seats will be filled from the in-district applicants, based on their date of application to the program. Those students accepted for the Fall class will be notified by certified mail, with return receipt requested. This notice will contain the directions for the student to follow in relation to payment of fees and other preparations necessary for the Fall class.

Applicants who are not accepted for registration for the next Fall class because of lack of space will be notified. They may be placed on a waiting list according to rank. There can be no assurance that any of the applicants who are on the waiting list will be accepted at a later date.

In the event that one or more of the students who are notified of being accepted for registration indicate that they do not intend to register, or do not complete the steps necessary for registration, the vacancies that result will be filled from the group that remains, and on the basis of the rank score they earned.

In the event that there are insufficient qualified candidates who have applied by February 1, there will be a special provisions program. Under this program, students can make application and complete all of the prerequisites until the end of the spring semester.

Should space remain in the next class after exhausting the special provisions program, the Nursing Admissions Committee will meet and review any late qualified applicants with the intention of filling the space for the next class.

PRELIMINARIES FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS ONLY

1. After receiving the nursing program acceptance letter, a non-refundable deposit of \$100 must be paid to Prairie State College by a published date. This deposit must be paid to the Business Office. Students are encouraged to meet this requirement by certified mail or pay in person. The deposit is applicable to fall semester tuition and fees. Those who have been accepted into the program, but fail to make this \$100 deposit, will be dropped from the accepted list.
2. Students accepted into the Nursing Program are required to purchase a uniform specified by the Nursing Department. Dates for measurement for these uniforms and a statement as to the approximate cost of all items will be included in a letter sent by the Nursing Department.
3. Physical examination forms must be completed by a physician of the applicant's choice, no earlier than May 1, unless the February 1 deadline has been extended. The completed requirements for physical exam, immunizations, titers, and TB testing must be submitted to the electronic system no later than August 1.
4. Information regarding Fall registration for classes will be included in a letter sent by the Nursing Department.

APPLICANTS APPROVED BUT NOT ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION

Applicants who are approved for a particular class, but are not accepted because of lack of space, must submit a Nursing Intent Form for the next year if there is a desire to be considered for the next Fall class.

NURSING STUDENTS WHO FAIL OR WITHDRAW

Nursing students who fail or withdraw from Nursing 101 must reapply. If eligible for readmission, the student will be ranked under the normal ranking procedure and must file an intent form for readmission by the February 1 deadline.

LEGAL PROFILE OF THE REGISTERED NURSE IN ILLINOIS

1. Is of good moral character.
2. Is of temperate habits.
3. Is a graduate of an approved school.
4. Has passed an examination conducted by the Department of Professional Regulation - State of Illinois.
5. Has not been convicted of a felony in Illinois, or any other state.

Any potential student that does not meet these minimum physical qualifications must meet with the Coordinator of the Nursing Program as soon as possible to discuss the particular limitation and to determine if an accommodation is feasible. Any student needing to arrange for reasonable accommodations for a documented disability (learning, physical, psychological, or other) should contact the Coordinator of Disability Services.

Reminder

The following application materials must be on file in Enrollment Services by the deadline date:

1. PSC Admissions Application
2. Nursing Program Intent Form (included)
3. High School Transcripts or GED Certificate (official)
4. College Transcripts (if any, official)
5. Transcript Evaluation Request Form (if submitting college transcripts)

The Admissions Application and the Transcript Evaluation Form may be completed online at prairiestate.edu or in Enrollment Services.

If you have any questions, call
(708) 709-3517
the ADN Admissions Advisor

Nursing Program Evaluation Form

Name:	Student ID No.		
High School Transcripts on File?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
College Transcripts on File? (if any)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Testing Requirement Met?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Developmental Courses Needed? (if yes, see attached)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

All program applicants are required to take the College's Assessment Instrument. *If the results of this examination indicate a need for developmental coursework in either reading, English, mathematics, the appropriate course or courses must be completed (with a grade of "C" or better) prior to the February 1 deadline.*

SKILLS PREREQUISITES			
Must be completed prior to the February 1 deadline.			
Academic Area	Description/Course	Date	Method
English	Successful completion of ENG 099 or an assessment test placement score of English 101 or higher.		
Mathematics	Successful completion of PSC's MATH 090 or an assessment test placement score of MATH 095 or higher.		
Reading	Successful completion of reading courses through PSC's RDG 099 or an assessment test placement score of RDG 100.		
COURSE PREREQUISITES			
The following prerequisite requirements must be completed prior to the February 1 deadline date and can be no older than the stated time prior to program entry.			
Biology 221 (no older than 5 years)		Date completed	
Active CNA status on Illinois Registry		Date completed	

Applicant Ranking Form

All courses in the ranking system must reflect grades of "C" or better.

Prerequisite Courses	Credit	Grade	Points
BIOL 221* (This course does count toward the degree)	4		
Subtotal Number 1 =			0

General Education Courses that count toward degree (If possible, complete prior to program admission)

	Credit	Grade	Points
English 101	3		
Communication 101	3		
Psychology 102	3		
Biology 222*	4		
Biology 211* (Microbiology)	4		
Humanities	3		
Subtotal Number 2=			0
5 Bonus Points for In-district Residency			
HESIA2 Exam (70-100)**			
Total Ranking Score			0

Grade	Grade Points	4 Credit Hour Course	3 Credit Hour Course
A	4	16	12
B	3	12	9
C	2	8	6

*Must have been completed within the past five years. BIOL 221 and 222 must be completed at the same institution.

**Administered by invitation to qualified applicants in April. Applicants must achieve a minimum score of 70.

Please examine this evaluation carefully. If it does not agree with your records, *it is your responsibility* to notify the Office of Enrollment services at (708) 709-3517.

Please retain this evaluation for future reference as it will serve as proof of submission.

June 23, 2016
Date of Evaluation

Signature of Evaluator

Prairie State College

Nursing Program Intent Form

***Not to be submitted until completion of the PSC placement test and test scores are available in Enrollment Services and all required developmental course work is completed or all official college transcripts showing completed levels of English, math and reading have been submitted.*

I have carefully reviewed the "Prairie State College Nursing Department Application and Admissions Procedures." I understand all of the admission requirements, as well as responsibilities which I must meet to be considered for admission to the PSC Nursing Program. I understand all sciences must have been completed within the past five years.

Further, I understand that the application deadline for consideration for entry into the next Fall class of Prairie State College's ADN Nursing Program is February 1. Qualified applicants who were not granted admission (due to space limitations during a particular year) must reapply to be considered the following year.

An evaluation of my records will be mailed to me approximately two to three weeks after submitting the Intent Form. It is my responsibility to contact the Enrollment Services Advisor if I have not received any correspondence prior to the application deadline. Please retain the evaluation for future reference as it will serve as proof of submission.

I wish to be considered for admission to the Fall, 20____ Nursing Program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Social Security Number or Student ID Number: _____

Return this Form to the Office of Enrollment Services on or Before
February 1

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work or Cell Phone: _____

I am re-applying for admission to the PSC Nursing Program ___ yes ___ no

My maiden name (or the name that appears on my transcripts) is: _____

*****Important***** Your signature above verifies your knowledge of the five year science rule.

The surgical technology program has similar requirements. Please check if you would like to be considered for admission to this program in addition to nursing.

LPN-ADN Progression Track (Bridge)

Prairie State College has developed a special track that allows qualified LPNs to become graduates of an Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program and to take the NCLEX-RN examination which leads to registered nurse (RN) status. An applicant must take the 101 proficiency exam for advance placement into Nursing 102.

Below is information regarding: (1) admission requirements, (2) courses to be taken, (3) sequence of courses, and (4) selection process. If you have questions after reading this material, please contact the ADN Admissions Advisor at (708) 709-3517.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

A complete application for the progression track includes:

- ! PSC Application Form — Complete and return to the Enrollment Services Office.
- ! Intent Form — A completed LPN-ADN Intent Form must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Office no later than the first Monday in September.
- ! H.S. Graduation — An official high school transcript, showing the date of graduation must be filed with the Enrollment Services Office. Holders of G.E.D. certificates should submit appropriate documentation.
- ! College Transcripts — If you have attended other colleges or universities, official transcripts from these institutions should also be submitted to the Enrollment Services Office along with a completed Transcript Evaluation Request Form.
- ! LPN Graduation — Proof of graduation from an approved LPN school should be filed with the Enrollment Services Office.
- ! LPN License — Proof of current LPN licensure must also be submitted.
- ! Exams — The Nursing 101 written proficiency exams must be successfully completed prior to program admission for advanced placement into Nursing 102. After passing the proficiency exams, the lab skill proficiency must be successfully completed.
- ! Work Experience — Documentation of LPN employment during the past two years is required and should be submitted to the Nursing Department.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The LPN-ADN applicant must complete the proficiency test for Nursing 101. A fee of \$25 must be paid to the Business Office before the test is administered. The test may be attempted only once. Upon successful completion of this test and admission to the LPN-ADN program, students will have credit posted to their records for Nursing 101. To allow for sufficient time to obtain uniforms and health status documentation, all proficiency exams must be taken by the third Monday of November. The Nursing Proficiency Exam is scheduled through the Nursing Department. Please call (708) 709-3524.

Applicants must also complete the college's placement test.

SELECTION PROCESS

The number of LPN-ADN Progression Track (Bridge) students accepted will vary from year to year based on the number of continuing ADN students. Therefore, qualified applicants will be selected on a random basis.

ACCEPTED STUDENTS

Students accepted into the LPN-ADN Progression Track (Bridge) will be notified by the end of the Fall semester and allowed to enroll in Nursing 102 for the Spring (begins in January) term. Continuation in the program to the sophomore year will depend upon the completion of this course with a grade of "C" or better.

Prior to the beginning of classes in January, accepted students must:

1. Obtain a Nursing uniform from the designated uniform provider.
2. Submit a complete physical examination with the required laboratory test results.
3. Submit proof of current CPR certification, (health care provider), to the Nursing Department.
4. Submit verification of hospitalization insurance.
5. Pass a criminal background check.

LPN-ADN Progression Program Requirements (Bridge)

Check List

_____ **NURSING PROFICIENCY TEST**

LPN-ADN applicants must pass a proficiency test for Nursing 101 (\$25 fee).

_____ **ASSESSMENT TEST**

Applicants are required to complete the College's assessment instrument and any developmental courses, if needed prior to admission.

_____ **PREREQUISITE COURSES**

The following must be completed with grades of "C" or better prior to program admission.

_____ English 101 (Composition I)

_____ Biology 221 (Anatomy & Physiology I)**

_____ Biology 222 (Anatomy & Physiology II)

_____ Biology 211 (Microbiology)

_____ Communication 101 (Principles of Communication)

_____ Psychology 102 (Human Growth & Development and Life Span)

_____ Humanities (select from Area B: Humanities & Fine Arts found in Transferable General Education Core Curriculum Requirements (in College Catalog)

_____ **REQUIRED NURSING COURSES**

NURS 102, 111, 201, 202, 211

**Students who wish to transfer Anatomy & Physiology credits can only do so if both semesters (A & P I & II) have been successfully completed at the same institution.

Note: Biology 221, 222 and 211 must have been taken during the last five years.

Prairie State College

LPN-ADN Progression Track Intent Form (Bridge)

I wish to be considered for the LPN-ADN Progression Track (Bridge) that begins in
January, 20_____.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Social Security Number: _____

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

LPN License Number: _____ State Held: _____

Date of Expiration: _____

LPN School _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Return this Form to the Office of Enrollment Services
No Later than

September 1, 2016

Basic Nursing Assistant Training Program

The Nursing Assistant Training Program has been designed to provide students with the skills necessary to give basic patient care in a nursing home or hospital. The course includes instruction in basic nursing care such as bed baths, moving and lifting, enemas, and other basic nursing tasks. Students will receive practice in a lab setting and in a nursing home. Successful completion of this program qualifies the student for the Illinois Basic Nursing Assistant Certificate and to take the state approved Competency Examination.

PREREQUISITES (subject to change)

Eighth grade education

16 years of age

Basic fluency in English

Valid Social Security Number

Achieve a Placement reading score of 60 or above

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

All students are required to have a physical exam, select immunizations, a 2-step TB (Mantoux) test and a five (5) panel drug screen. The form can be obtained through the nursing department home web page.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

Students will be finger-printed and photographed on campus for a criminal background check. The student is responsible for the cost.

UNIFORMS

Students are required to wear a clean, white uniform of their choice in the clinical area. They should also wear white shoes and hose. Students are also required to wear a watch with a second hand.

COSTS

The program consists of one seven credit hour course. Tuition and fees are available at prairiestate.edu and are subject to change without notice.

Students are also responsible for the purchase of a uniform and appropriate shoes.

The course, NURS 100, is typically offered each semester. Students can register during the normal registration hours in the Office of Enrollment Services.

BASIC NURSING ASSISTANT COMPETENCY EXAMINATION

To work in a long-term care facility in Illinois upon completion of Nursing 100, you would need to pass the Nursing Assistant Competency Examination. Currently this examination has a \$65.00 fee. The test is available at Prairie State College and other sites in the area.

CURRENT ADVANCED BEDSIDE CARE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

- COMM 101 Principles of Communication (3)
- NURS 100 Nurse Assistant Training (7)
- PSYCH 101 Introduction to Psychology (3)

ADVANCED BEDSIDE CARE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS AS OF 8/1/17

- COMM 101 Principles of Communication (3)
- NURS 100 Nurse Assistant Training (7)
- HLTH 105 General Medical Terminology (3)
- PSYCH 102 Human Growth and Development: Life Span (3)

This certificate is awarded when the student has successfully completed the listed coursework at Prairie State College and has an active status on the Illinois CNA Registry.

Mission Statement of the Nursing Department

The PSC Nursing Program prepares students for professional roles in nursing through educational excellence. Students are educated to safely practice at an entry level of competency. The program fosters a commitment to caring, lifelong learning, and collaboration with other disciplines. Diversity and diverse viewpoints are valued.

The philosophy is based upon educational excellence which includes evidence-based practice, the nursing process, and teamwork with other health-care disciplines. Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) provides the basis for the nursing program (retrieved from QSEN.org, 11/21/2013).

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

1. Graduate a minimum of 75% of the entering cohort within three (3) years.
2. Prepare graduates who will meet or exceed the national pass rate on the NCLEX RN exam.
3. Eighty percent of graduates will be employed as an RN or enrolled in a higher degree program within one year.
4. Eighty percent of graduates will express satisfaction with the Nursing Program within six to twelve months after graduation.
5. Employers will express satisfaction with the graduate's preparation for entry level nursing positions.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Organize the plan of care to encompass patient and family preferences as it relates to prioritization in the plan of care. (Patient-centered Care).
2. Analyze the contributions of nursing and interdisciplinary teams to achieve quality patient care and improved outcomes. (Teamwork and Collaboration).
3. Devise a plan of care for patients based on EBP recommendations in the literature and patient/family preferences that promotes optimal health and improves patient outcomes (Evidence-based Practice - EBP)
4. Analyze data related to patient care outcomes in order to evaluate and improve the quality and safety of nursing care and health care systems. (Quality Improvement - QI)
5. Prioritize a plan of care to prevent the risk of harm to patients and members of the health care team through both system effectiveness and individual performance. (Safety)
6. Correlate the use of information and technology with clinical reasoning skills to provide effective communication for safe, quality, patient care. (Informatics)
7. Plan patient care to align with the legal, ethical, and moral standards of the Nursing profession. (ANA Standards of Practice)
8. Organize patient care through the roles of leader and manager.

Accrediting Bodies

The Prairie State College Nursing Program has on-going approval from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to provide an Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Additionally, the Prairie State College Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. Inquiries of the program's status can be made to:

ACEN, Inc.
3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326
([404]-975-5000, fax [404] 975-5020, www.acenursing.org)