

PRACTICAL NURSING - PART-TIME

SPRING 2022 ADMISSION INFORMATION

Application Process

All steps of the application process must be completed by the application deadline to be considered for the program. The application priority deadline* is November 1, 2021, for the part-time program beginning January 2022.

*Applications may be accepted after the deadline if the program does not have a full class. Check with the Admissions Office for enrollment levels after November 1st.

1. Submit completed application and \$25 fee. (November 1, 2021 deadline).

2. Complete Test of Essential Academic Skills (November 1, 2021 deadline).

The entrance exam is offered at Lake Area Tech at various times Monday through Friday. Occasional Saturday testing is also offered at 9:00 a.m. (A photo ID must be presented to take exam.) Contact the Admissions office to schedule. The entrance exam can take up to three hours to complete and has four parts: Math Skills, Reading, Science and English/Language. The exam must be completed by November 1, 2021, to ensure consideration for acceptance in Spring 2022 Part-Time Practical Nursing program. The entrance exam may be taken up to three times a year with a minimum of 15 days between dates. Applicants are required to set up an account through the ATI testing website www.atitesting.com. Applications received after the priority deadline may still test. The cost of the exam is approximately \$70 and must be paid with a credit/debit card at the time of testing. The ATI-TEAS Study Guide is recommended to use to prepare for the exam. The guide is available at www.atitesting.com/ati_store/product.aspx?zpid=1175. Practice assessments are also available for purchase in combination with the study guide through the online store.

3. Submit official high school and college transcripts (November 1, 2021 deadline).

Transcripts must have an official school seal. Copies will not be accepted. *Grade report will be accepted if a final transcript is unavailable by deadline date. A final official transcript is required when available to complete transfer of courses.

4. Verify completed application with Admissions Assistant at ext. 290

Admissions files must be completed by November 1, 2021 to be evaluated for acceptance in the Spring 2022 Part-Time Practical Nursing Program.

Acceptance Criteria

Admission is competitive. Acceptance into the program will be based on the following criteria:

- **Test of Essential Academic Skills (Testing deadline is November 1, 2021)**
- **GPA (Most recent GPA of 2.5 or better)**
- **Completion of recommended courses**

Applicants will be notified of acceptance or denial by letter. *Late applicants who apply on or after the priority date listed are encouraged to contact LATE admissions representative at their earliest convenience to discuss alternative planning: admissions@lakeareatech.edu ext. 290 or Nursing Director amber.schleusner@lakeareatech.edu.

Students accepted into the Part-Time Practical Nursing program will be asked to make an appointment with the department head of the nursing program. Students will also be required to provide a record of the following for the student file by the beginning of the school year:

- **A physical examination**
- **Current immunizations, including MMR, DPT and polio**
- **Mantoux test (current within the last year) 2-step required; or quarterferon gold blood test**
- **Hepatitis series, either completed or in the progress of completion**
- **Tdap (unless Td in last year)**
- **Varicella titer showing positive or proof of the series of two shots**

Individuals who are certified nursing assistants or who have recently successfully completed the NE Technical High School health science course will be granted 2 credits for prior learning when a record of completion is made available to the Registrar's Office.

Criminal background checks are performed on all students before clinical rotations at the student's expense.

Visit the online nursing webpage for computer and network requirements, course requirements, tuition and fees.

Accreditation

The Practical Nursing Program at Lake Area Technical College located in Watertown, South Dakota is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400

Atlanta, GA, 30326

(404) 975-5000

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Practical Nursing Program is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at:

<http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>

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Practical Nursing Program

Lake Area Tech has one of several Practical Nursing programs in South Dakota. Our program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. Individuals interested in the program should have a strong background in the biological sciences, be physically fit, and enjoy working with people. The Practical Nursing program has an academically intense curriculum and a minimum of a 2.5 GPA. The part-time Practical Nursing program begins each spring and accepts 16 students.

A curriculum outline of the courses required for graduation from the Practical Nursing program is included in this brochure. Applicants who have not taken any previous college general education courses should consider taking at least one or two of the following courses prior to starting the Practical Nursing program:

- English Composition
- Intermediate Algebra
- Anatomy
- General Psychology
- Medical Terminology

Many of these courses are offered throughout the year and during the summer at Lake Area Tech. **Completion of some of these courses will be in the students' best interest to decrease the credit load required during the course of study at Lake Area Tech.** Students are required to wear a scrub uniform, which is available for purchase through the LATC Bookstore. White shoes are also required. All students are required to have a laptop. See website for laptop requirements.

View course outline below or [print here](#).

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22 Months (6 Semesters) • Revised: 6/30/21
Credits Required for Graduation: 47



Prior completion of the general education courses will be in the students' best interest to maintain a reasonable credit load during the course of study at Lake Area Tech.

Recommended courses to be completed prior to the First Semester.

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
• ANAT 142	Anatomy *	45	-----	-----	3
• ENGL 101	Composition *	45	-----	-----	3
• PSYC 101	General Psychology *	45	-----	-----	3
• Selected Mathematics Course (Choose one) MATH 101 – Intermediate Algebra MATH 114 – College Algebra *		45	-----	-----	3
Total		180	-----	-----	12

First Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 102	Fundamentals of Nursing Practice I	22	-----	22	2
PN 103	Fundamentals of Nursing Practice II	45	30	90	6
Total		67	30	112	8

Second Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 106	Foundations in Nursing	30	-----	-----	2
PN 108	Nutrition	15	-----	-----	1
◊ PN 110	Medical Terminology	15	-----	-----	1
Total		60	-----	-----	4

Third Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 113	Nursing Care of the Adult I	38	15	90	5
PN 130	Pharmacology	15	-----	-----	1
Total		53	15	90	6

Fourth Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 112	Nursing Care of Children	30	-----	22	2.5
PN 114	Nursing Care of the Adult II	30	-----	225	7
Total		60	-----	247	9.5

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Fifth Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 203	Professional Concepts in Nursing	15	-----	-----	1
CSS 100	Career Search Strategies	8	-----	-----	.5
Total		23	-----	-----	1.5

Sixth Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 111	Maternity Nursing	15	----	45	2
PN 201	Applied Clinical Practice	-----	-----	180	4
Total		15	-----	225	6

Clock Hours: 15 Theory Clock Hours = 1 credit 30 Lab Hours = 1 credit 60 Clinical Hours = 1 credit

◊ MA 115 – Medical Terminology for 3 credits may be substituted for PN 110.

• Indicates General Education courses to be taken on campus, through USD/Continuing Education, or other accredited institutions. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) can be transferred directly to the university system.

MATH 114 – College Algebra is required for the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing.

Note: If a student does not successfully complete one of the following courses: PN 106, PN 111, PN 112, PN 113, PN 114, or PN 130, the student will be required to complete PN 123 – Nursing Concepts E before advancing in the Practical Nursing Program.

Elective: CPR 112 – Basic Life Support for Healthcare Workers for .5 credit

Below are General Education courses required for the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree in Nursing. Students inquiring about courses required for the Associate of Applied Science Degree should speak with an advisor from the nursing department. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) can be transferred directly to the university system.

CHEM 106 – Inorganic Chemistry Lecture = 3 credits * MICRO 231 – General Microbiology = 4 credits *
CHEM 106L – Inorganic Chemistry Lab = 1 credit * PHGY 210 – Introduction to Human Physiology = 4 credits *
CMST 101 – Fundamentals of Speech = 3 credits * SOC 100 – Introduction to Sociology = 3 credits *
CSC 100 – Computer Concepts = 1 credit

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