LAKE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

PRACTICAL NURSING E-DEGREE (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. Applications will be accepted April 1, 2021 with the deadline of October 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. (October 1, 2021 deadline).

2. Complete Test of Essential Academic Skills (October 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 October 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. 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 (October 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 October 1, 2021 to be evaluated for acceptance in the Spring 2022 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 October 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 LATC 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 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 quanterferon 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 website 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

South Dakota Board of Nursing
4305 S Louise Ave, Suite 201
Sioux Falls SD 57106-3115
Phone (605)362-2760
https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/

Online Practical Nursing Program

Become a Practical Nurse by taking courses through the internet at home while continuing to work.
Lake Area Tech's Practical Nursing Part-time E-Degree is available to individuals residing in SD, ND, MN, IA and NE.

Does Lake Area Tech offer all the classes needed online?

While Lake Area Tech offers all the courses on its campus, not all of them are available online. Composition, Math, Anatomy, and Psychology can be completed at any accredited technical school or college. Online courses that are approved for transfer by the program advisor may also be taken.

What about clinical experiences?

Required supervised clinicals in Watertown for the part-time schedule will be determined at a later date. The number of clinical hours requiring travel to Watertown are:

PN103=30 hours
PN114=42 hours
PN113=36 hours
PN201=36 hours

Additional clinical hours will also be required in other communities as arranged by instructors in the following courses:

PN103=30 hours
PN114=48 hours
PN200= 140 hours
PN113=24 hours
PN201=144 hours

When does the program begin and how many students will be accepted?

The program starts each spring semester and accepts up to 24 students.

Online learning…

http://ww.lakeareatech.edu/onlinelearner/index.html

Are you an online learner?

Take the survey:

http://www.lakeareatech.edu/onlinelearner/areyouready.html

Spring Start

Completion of some or all of the recommended 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 Spring Semester include:

ANAT 142 Anatomy++	3
ENGL 101 Composition++	3
MATH 101 Intermediate Algebra++ or MATH 114 College Algebra++	3
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
Total	12

Spring Semester*Start of Program Jan 2022

PN 102 Fundamentals of Nursing Prac I	2
PN 103 Fundamentals of Nursing Prac II	6
Total	8

Summer Session-2022

PN 110 Medical Terminology	1
PN 106 Foundations in Nursing	2
PN 108 Nutrition	1
Total	4

Fall Semester 2022

PN 113 Nursing Care of the Adult I	5
PN 130 Pharmacology	1
Total	6

Spring Semester 2023

PN 114 Nursing Care of the Adult II	6
Total	6

Summer Session 2023

PN 112 Nursing Care of Children	2.5
PN 203 Professional Concepts in Nursing	1
CSS 100 Career Search Strategies	.5
Total	4

Fall Semester 2023

PN 111 Maternity Nursing	2
PN 201 Applied Clinical Practice	5
Total	7

++Indicates support course to be taken through LATC, USD/Continuing Education or other accredited institution.
+Only American Red Cross or American Heart Association cards will be accepted for transfer. AED/CPR is required before the first instructor-monitored clinicals. Completing an AED/CPR course between December 15 and January 15 is ideal.

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