

PRACTICAL NURSING @



Practical Nursing*

Lake Area Tech has had a successful history of nursing education in the region and has expanded that educational opportunity to students in central South Dakota at the Capital City Campus located in Pierre, SD. Students enrolling in the Lake Area Tech/Capital City Campus nursing program, will receive in-house classroom instruction and simulated lab experiences, along with industry field trips, guest speakers, and clinical experiences in the Pierre/Ft. Pierre medical facilities. The curriculum will incorporate a variety of instructional methods that have proven to be highly successful. The Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

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 that moves rapidly through the 47-credit requirement to graduate. 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

Completion of some or all 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. Many of these courses are offered throughout the year at Lake Area Tech. However, you may complete them at other approved colleges but it is highly suggested you check with the Lake Area Tech Registrar's office for transferability prior to enrolling.

Students are required to purchase textbooks and a uniform (available through the Lake Area Tech Bookstore). Students are also required to have a laptop which is available through the Lake Area Tech Bookstore or students may bring their own. Go to www.lakeareatech.edu for laptop requirements for this program.

Course Requirements for Practical Nursing

Fall Semester

PN 102 Fundamentals of Nursing Prac I	2
PN 103 Fundamentals of Nursing Prac II	6
PN 106 Foundations in Nursing	2
PN 108 Nutrition	1
PN 110 Medical Terminology	1
PN 130 Pharmacology	1
Anatomy 142 Anatomy	3
MATH 101 Intermediate Algebra or	
MATH 114 College Algebra**	3
ENGL 101 Composition	<u>3</u>
Total	22

Spring Semester

PN 111 Maternity Nursing	2.5
PN 112 Nursing Care of Children	2
PN 113 Nursing Care of the Adult I	5
PN 114 Nursing Care of the Adult II	6
PSYCH 101 General Psychology	3
CSS 100 Career Search Strategies	<u>0.5</u>
Total	19

Summer Session

PN 201 Applied Clinical Practice	5
PN 203 Professional Concepts in Nursing	<u>1</u>
Total	6

Additional General Education Courses for Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing:

CHEM 106 Inorganic Chemistry Lecture	3
CHEM 106L Inorganic Chemistry Lab	1
SOC 100 Intro to Sociology	3
MICRO 231 General Microbiology	4
MATH 114 College Algebra**	3
PHGY 210 Physiology	4
SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	<u>3</u>
Total	21

**Must be completed prior to the first semester of the AAS-RN Nursing Curriculum.

Individuals who are certified nursing assistants will be granted 2 credits for prior learning when the record of completion is made available to the Lake Area Tech Registrar's Office.

Application Process

All steps of the application process must be completed by the application priority deadline to be considered for the program. Applications will be accepted **beginning September 1 until December 1 prior to the following fall's program start.**

1. **Submit completed application and fee**
2. **Complete Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)**

Testers can now schedule to take the TEAS entrance exam at Capital City Campus in Pierre. Students should email info@capitalcitycampus.org with TEAS exam in the subject line for testing details. The entrance exam is also offered at Lake Area Tech in Watertown at various times Monday through Friday and occasional Saturdays at 9:00 am. (A photo ID must be presented to take exam.) Contact the Admissions office to schedule. The entrance exam can take up to 3 hours to complete and has four parts: Math Skills, Reading, Science and English/Language. The exam must be completed before December 1, to ensure evaluation for acceptance into the following fall's 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. 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***

Transcripts must have an official school seal. Copies will not be accepted. *Grade reports 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 file with the Admissions Office 605.882-5284 ext 290.**

Admissions files must be completed by December 1 to be evaluated for acceptance into the following fall's Practical Nursing program.

Acceptance Criteria

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

- Test of Essential Academic Skills Score (Testing priority deadline is December 1)
- GPA (Most recent GPA of 2.5 or better)
- Completion of recommended courses

Applicants will be notified of acceptance or denial by letter. 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 their student files by the beginning of the school year: Immunizations must be in place to attend clinical.

- 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

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

Estimated Costs*

	Fall	Spring	Summer	
Credits	22	19	6	Uniforms \$90 ; Tools/Kits \$100 ; Books \$1475 ; Laptop \$1015 *NOTE: Costs are only estimates. Changes in the number of credits carried will affect these figures. These figures do not include rent, food, and related living expenses. To apply for federal financial aid, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov .
Tuition	2662	2299	726	
State Fees	924	798	252	
Departmental Fee	1151	1151	426	
Campus Support Fee	<u>330</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>60</u>	
Total	5067	4533	1464	

Accredited by:

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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