PRACTICAL NURSING

FALL 2023 ADMISSION INFORMATION

Application Process

Applications to the Fall 2023 Practical Nursing program will be accepted starting September 1, 2022. All application process steps must be completed by the priority deadline of December 1, 2022, to be considered for the program. Applications received on or after the priority deadline will be reviewed for consideration to the wait list. Late applicants are encouraged to complete the required application steps in a timely manner.

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

The entrance exam is offered at Lake Area Tech at various times Monday through Friday. (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 December 1, 2022, to ensure consideration for acceptance in the fall 2023 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 must be paid with a credit/debit card at the time of testing. See website for the current cost of the exam. An ATI-TEAS study manual and/or practice assessment are recommended to prepare for the exam and are also available on the testing website.

3. **Submit official high school and *college transcripts**

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 file with the Admissions Assistant, ext 290.**

Priority deadline details: Admissions files must be completed by December 1, 2022, to be considered for acceptance in the Fall 2023 Practical Nursing program. Applications received on or after the priority deadline will be reviewed for wait list consideration. Applicants are encouraged to complete the application process in a timely manner and are encouraged to discuss alternative planning with admissions representatives.

Acceptance Criteria

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

- Test of Essential Academic Skills Score (Priority testing deadline is December 1, 2022*)
- 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 nursing program department head. 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

The following immunizations are not LATC requirements but are required by LATC clinical partners. Proof of these immunizations or religious or medical exemption from the immunization is required to complete the nursing clinical component:

- Influenza vaccination
- COVID vaccination

Individuals who are certified nursing assistants or who have successfully completed the NE Technical High School health science course will be granted 2 credits for prior learning when the 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.

Practical Nursing Program

Lake Area Tech's Practical Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. 56 students are admitted in the fall each year. 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. A curriculum outline of the courses required for graduation from the Practical Nursing program are below. 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 or 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.

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	3
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	0.5
Total	19

Summer Semester

PN 201 Applied Clinical Practice	5
PN 203 Professional Concepts in Nursing	1
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 102 College Algebra**	3
PHGY 210 Physiology	4
SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3
Total	21

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

Lake Area Technical College Practical Nursing Program

Lake Area Technical College's curriculum for Practical Nursing meets the educational requirements for professional licensure in South Dakota and many other states. Read more regarding Professional Licensure Disclosures on our website at www.lakeareatech.edu.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
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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.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm

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