



PRACTICAL NURSING

Part-Time On Campus

SPRING 2025 ADMISSION INFORMATION

Application Process

Applications to the Spring 2025 part-time on-campus Practical Nursing program will be accepted starting April 1, 2024. All application process steps must be completed by the priority deadline of October 1, 2024 for the program which begins Spring 2025. All steps of the application process must be completed by the application priority deadline to be considered for the program.

*Applications received on or after the 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 \$25 fee. (October 1, 2024 deadline).

2. Complete Test of Essential Academic Skills (October 1, 2024 deadline).

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 October 1, 2024, to ensure consideration for acceptance in Spring 2025 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 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 (October 1, 2024 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, 2024 to be considered for acceptance in the Spring 2025 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 (Priority testing deadline is October 1, 2024)
- 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 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 quantiferon 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 will be granted two 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.

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 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. View course outline below or see website for the most current.

Nursing • Part-time • January Start

Semester Course Outline • 2024 – 2025

18 Months (5 Semesters) • Revised: 1/24/24

Credits Required for Graduation: 44.5



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 103 – Mathematical Reasoning * MATH 114 – College Algebra *		45	-----	-----	3
Total		180	-----	-----	12

First Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 104	Fundamentals Skills of Nursing Practice	63.75	22.5	45	6
Total		63.75	22.5	45	6

Second Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 107	Foundations of Nursing Practice	41.25	7.5	45	4
◊ PN 110	Medical Terminology	15	-----	-----	1
Total		56.25	7.5	45	5

Third Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 111	Maternity Nursing	18.75	-----	33.75	2
PN 113	Nursing Care of the Adult I	37.5	15	90	5
Total		56.25	15	123.75	7

Fourth Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 112	Nursing Care of Children	33.75	-----	11.25	2.5
PN 114	Nursing Care of the Adult II	45	-----	202.5	7.5
Total		78.75	-----	213.75	10

Fifth Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
PN 201	Applied Clinical Practice	-----	-----	180	4
CSS 100	Career Search Strategies	8	-----	-----	.5
Total		8	-----	180	4.5

Clock Hours: 15 Theory Clock Hours = 1 credit 30 Lab Hours = 1 credit 45 Clinical Hours = 1 credit

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

Note: If a student does not successfully complete one of the following courses: PN 104, PN 111, PN 112, or PN 114, 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 – Foundations of Communication = 3 credits * SOC 100 – Introduction to Sociology = 3 credits *

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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