

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Practical Nursing (PN) diploma is a 38-credit, full-time, two semester program. Through Minnesota Board of Nursing approved program of study, the Practical Nursing program prepares students for a diploma in Practical Nursing. Graduates are educationally eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) and, after passing and obtaining state licensure, may use the title Licensed Practical Nurse.

End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes

Consistent with the standards that define nursing practice, the outcomes of the Anoka Technical College program of learning is a graduate who is able to:

- Adhere to professional standards of practice within safe, legal, ethical and regulatory frameworks of the practical nurse (Professional concepts: Safety, Professional Identity and Behavior)
- Communicate effectively to deliver coordinated, interprofessional care through teamwork and collaboration (Professional concepts: Teamwork and Collaboration)
- Utilize holistic information to provide evidence-based patient care that contributes to continuously improving care processes (Professional concepts: Evidence-based Care, Quality Improvement)
- Demonstrate a caring and empathic approach while providing for individual patients' needs across the lifespan and health/illness continuum within a diverse community (Professional concept: Patient Relationship-centered Care)
- Participate in supporting patient care through the utilization of information technology within the practical nurse scope of practice (Professional concept: Informatics)

Accreditation

The Anoka Technical College Practical Nursing (PN) program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and is specifically designed to train graduates for the specialized field of Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN).

This nursing education program is candidate for accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326
www.acenursing.org

Admission Requirements

All required documentation must be submitted in person; Enrollment Services will be unable to receive them via mail, online or fax. Practical Nursing applications are reviewed at the time they are submitted for completeness. When all admission guidelines are satisfied, the applicant is accepted on a space available basis for the following semester.

- Apply to Anoka Technical College and be admitted to the college
- Complete the Nursing Assistant or Medical Assistant requirement
- Complete the CPR requirement
- Complete the Accuplacer Assessments and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V or ATI TEAS). See Admission Guide-

- lines under the links on the Practical Nursing webpage
- Complete the *Student Record of Immunization document* found under *Forms* on the Practical Nursing website
 - Submit the Practical Nursing program *Application* (found under *Forms*) with documentation of each the above

Background Study

State law requires any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients and/or residents at a health care facility have a background study conducted the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). A student who is disqualified as a result of a background check will not be allowed to enter the program major. A student must receive a "Background Study Clearance" within 90 days preceding the start of clinical or fieldwork courses to be placed at a partnering facility. Any student failing to receive clearance will be disqualified from enrollment in the course. Arrests, charges, or convictions of criminal offenses may cause a student to fail a background study. A disqualified student has the right to request reconsideration of the disqualification. It is the responsibility of the student to request consideration to the Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner if he or she chooses to do so. An applicant is considered to be disqualified while in the reconsideration process.

Graduation Requirements

All Anoka Technical College students seeking an Associate in Applied Science (AAS), diploma, or certificate must meet the cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. Refer to the Anoka Technical College *Student Handbook* and *College Policy 2.4*.
Additionally:

1. Complete all of the required courses as outlined on the program plan with a C or better grade in each course and an A in MATH 1010.
2. Maintain current CPR certification.
3. Complete NCLEX-Practical Nursing success predictor test.
4. Maintain an acceptable background check from the Minnesota Department of Human Services.
5. Submit an application for graduation to Records/Registration.

Transfer Opportunities

To see how credits from this program may transfer into other Anoka Technical College programs or into a program at another college, visit:

- [Minnesota Transfer](http://www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s_agreements.php?numResults=25&archive=false&from_inst=70&from_prog=&to_inst=&Search=Search): (www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s_agreements.php?numResults=25&archive=false&from_inst=70&from_prog=&to_inst=&Search=Search)
- [Anoka Technical College transfer student](http://www.anokatech.edu/BecomeStudent/Transfers.aspx): (www.anokatech.edu/BecomeStudent/Transfers.aspx)

Industry Information

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) specialize in delivering skilled delegated nursing care to individual patients/client across the lifespan in all stages of wellness or illness at the direction of qualified healthcare providers. LPNs care for diverse adult and pediatric patients within an established plan of care and participate as a member of the healthcare team.

Practical Nursing

Diploma

LPNs enjoy employment opportunities in a variety of health care settings, including clinics, long term care and transitional care centers, assisted living, home care, schools, hospitals, and group homes.

The LPN is a dynamic, vital member of the healthcare team and is legally responsible to practice practical nursing within the Minnesota Nurse Practice Act and the Minnesota Board of Nursing Rules.

Wages/Outlook/Advancement

Wage information is available from the [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development](http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/job-outlook/index.jsp) (<http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/job-outlook/index.jsp>).

Gainful Employment

Follow this link for [Gainful Employment Report](#).

Technical Education: 34 Credits

- HLTH 1005 Anatomy & Physiology 4
- MATH 1010 Dosage Calculations for Health Care Professionals 1
- NURS 1400 Foundations of Nursing 3
- NURS 1405 Nursing Interventions I: Lab..... 2
- NURS 1410 Health Promotion Across the Lifespan I 4
- NURS 1420 Clinical Application I..... 2
- NURS 1430 Psychosocial Nursing 2
- NURS 1440 Nursing Perspectives on Aging..... 1
- NURS 1500 Transition to Nursing Practice 2
- NURS 1511 Health Promotion Across the Lifespan II 4
- NURS 1515 Nursing Interventions II: Lab 2
- NURS 1521 Clinical Application II 6
- NURS 1541 Maternal-Child Nursing 2

General Education/MnTC Requirements: 4 Credits

Four (4) general education credits of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) are required. Student is required to take:

- ENGL 1107 Composition I 4

Start Dates

Fall Semester.....August
Spring SemesterJanuary

Faculty Contact

[Christina Wilson](#), Practical Nursing Director 763-576-4013

For information on how to apply, to schedule a tour, or for service during summer hours, contact Enrollment Services at 763-576-7710 or EnrollmentServices@anokatech.edu

Sample Program Sequence

Full Time

| | First Semester | Second Semester |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1st YEAR | *HLTH 1005 4 | **ENGL 1107 4 |
| | *MATH 1010 1 | NURS 1500..... 2 |
| | NURS 1400..... 3 | NURS 1511..... 4 |
| | NURS 1405..... 2 | NURS 1515..... 2 |
| | NURS 1410..... 4 | NURS 1521..... 6 |
| | NURS 1420..... 2 | NURS 1541..... 2 |
| | NURS 1430..... 1 | TOTAL 18 |
| | NURS 1440..... 1 | |
| | TOTAL 18 | |

**May be completed before acceptance into Practical Nursing major
**ENGL 1107 May be taken first or second semester or before acceptance.*