

Our 41-credit Diploma is a one-year program with a fall start that prepares nurses to provide bedside care and interact closely with patients. Graduates are eligible to apply for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

The hybrid delivery model consists of online courses and in-person meetings. Course work online is asynchronous. It can be completed any time of day or night- whenever your schedule allows. Labs and clinicals take place on campus and in-person at either NTC or one of our local clinical sites. Students can plan to be in person for 21 days per semester.

Students must show that they are ready to take a college-level Math and English course. They can do that in the following ways:

- Take a developmental course:
 - MATH 0081 Math Foundations OR MATH 0092 Intermediate Algebra
 - ENGL 0100 Reading, Reasoning & Writing
- Meet minimum Accuplacer Assessment scores - can be taken remotely or on campus at NTC
 - 240 in Advanced Algebraic Functions | 250 in English/ Reading
- Have a high school GPA of 2.6 or above IF the student graduated high school in past 10 years
- Meet minimum ACT score in Math (22) and/or English (21)
- Complete self-placement forms

Students must be in progress or complete with the following courses (final grade must be C or higher):

- BIOL 2260 Anatomy & Physiology I
- HLTH 1106 Medical Terminology
- PSYC 2201 Developmental Psychology
- Prerequisite GPA must be 2.76 or higher when all prerequisites are complete

Students must also fulfill the following requirements before program application:

- A Certified Nursing Assistant active within 5 years or HLTH 1110: Nursing Assistant
- TEAS score of **53** or higher within 2 years
- Active** Basic Life Support or HLTH 1410: First Aid/CPR or equivalent

Once the above requirements have been met, students can fill out the online Practical Nursing Application. Nursing applications are *separate* from the NTC institutional application. Students will learn of their admission status to the program approximately 30 days after the application has been submitted. Accepted students **must** accept their seat within two weeks of receiving their acceptance letter via email. Northwest Technical College utilizes rolling admissions. We review program applications in the order they are received until program seats and wait lists are full. *Completion of prerequisites does not guarantee admission to our nursing programs.*

After completion of prerequisites, students who are pursuing the Practical Nursing program can take the general courses listed below if they are planning to pursue our LPN Step-In Program. Our LPN Step-In program has its own set of prerequisite courses. Taking courses will prepare you for the LPN Step-In application after the PN program is completed. *Taking these general courses will not accelerate the PN or LPN Step-In programs; it will only lighten a students total credit load once in the program.*

- BIOL 2262 Anatomy & Physiology II*
- HLTH 1100 Pharmacology*
- BIOL 2221 Microbiology+
- CHEM 1100 Intro to Chemistry+
- MATH 1110 College Algebra **OR** MATH 1930 Intro to Mathematical Science+
- PHIL 1201 Ethics OR PHIL 2210 Bioethical Issue^
- General Education Course/ Elective^

*Corequisites for the *Practical Nursing* Program

+Prerequisites for the *LPN Step-In* Program

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