

PRACTICAL NURSING - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

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Degree Quick Facts

- **Instructional School:** Health
- **Department:** Nursing
- **Program Code:** PNUR.AAS
- **Program Type:** Career and Technical Education
- **Available Fully Online:** No
- **Eligible for Federal Financial Aid:** Yes

NOTE: Courses required for this program *may* have an additional fee; more information can be found on the [Special Course Fees](#) web page.

Degree Requirements

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
Program Admission Requirements ¹		
HLTH 101	Medical Terminology	3
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course ^{2,3}		3
Complete one of the following options prior to program entry:		
Option 1:		4
BIOL 127	Human Structure and Function ²	
BIOL 127L	Human Structure and Function Lab ²	
Option 2:		9
BIOL 226	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Plus	
BIOL 227P	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab ²	
BIOL 228	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ²	
BIOL 228L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab ²	
Option 3: ⁴		12
MMBS 111	Introductory Microbiology ²	
MMBS 111L	Introductory Microbiology Lab ²	
BIOL 227	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	
BIOL 228	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	
BIOL 228L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	
General Education Requirements		
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics (GE Elective)	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (GEM 6)	3
Major Requirements		
HLTH 280	Global Health	3
PNUR 110	Fundamentals of Nursing	3
PNUR 110L	Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical	3
PNUR 115	Mental Health	2
PNUR 121	Nursing Care of the Elderly	2
PNUR 121L	Nursing Care of the Elderly Clinical	2
PNUR 125	Pharmacology for Practical Nursing	2
PNUR 130	Comprehensive Care of Adults	3
PNUR 130L	Comprehensive Care of Adults Clinical	3
PNUR 140	Nursing Care of the Developing Family	3
PNUR 151	Transition to Practice	2
PNUR 151L	Transition to Practice Clinical	2

Electives	Select elective credits to bring the total credits earned to a minimum of 60, as needed	0-8
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

- ¹ Courses required prior to program entry are included in degree requirements and total credits.
- ² This course must have been completed within the past seven (7) years.
- ³ This course must be completed prior to program entry but will fulfill the general education requirement for a GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course.
- ⁴ Students who are also interested in applying for the Registered Nursing program should complete the program admission courses listed under **Option 3**.

NOTE: All courses listed under Major Requirements must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Degree Plans

The course sequence listed below is strongly recommended in order to complete your program requirements. Many Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses have prerequisites and/or corequisites that have been accounted for within this course sequence plan. Please register for your major requirements each semester as shown below using the Student Planning tool in myCWI. Consult your advisor for any questions regarding this plan.

NOTE: General education courses may be completed during any semester the student prefers, including summer semesters, unless they are required for program admission.

The Practical Nursing Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree offers three options for program entry. Below are full course sequences based on each program entry option; select the appropriate Degree Plan based on whichever you prefer.

DEGREE PLAN: PROGRAM ENTRY OPTION 1 (FALL START)

First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
BIOL 127	Human Structure and Function ^{1,2}	3
BIOL 127L	Human Structure and Function Lab ^{1,2}	1
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
HLTH 101	Medical Terminology ^{1,2}	3
<u>GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course</u> ^{1,2}		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		13

ADVISING NOTE: Students should apply for admission to the Practical Nursing program during this semester.

Spring

COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
PNUR 110	Fundamentals of Nursing	3
PNUR 110L	Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical	3
PNUR 115	Mental Health	2
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (GEM 6)	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		14

Summer

PNUR 121	Nursing Care of the Elderly	2
PNUR 121L	Nursing Care of the Elderly Clinical	2
PNUR 125	Pharmacology for Practical Nursing	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		6

Second Year

Fall

PNUR 130	Comprehensive Care of Adults	3
PNUR 130L	Comprehensive Care of Adults Clinical	3
PNUR 140	Nursing Care of the Developing Family	3
PNUR 151	Transition to Practice	2
PNUR 151L	Transition to Practice Clinical	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		13

Spring

HLTH 280	Global Health	3
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics (GE Elective)	3
Electives	Select elective credits to bring the total credits earned to a minimum of 60	0-8
Total Semester Credit Hours		14
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

- ¹ This course must have been completed within the past seven (7) years.
- ² This course is required to apply for admission to the Practical Nursing program.

DEGREE PLAN: PROGRAM ENTRY OPTION 2 (SPRING START)

First Year

Spring		Credit Hours
BIOL 226	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Plus ^{1,2}	1
BIOL 227P	Human Anatomy and Physiology I ^{1,2}	3
BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab ^{1,2}	1
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
HLTH 101	Medical Terminology ^{1,2}	3
<u>GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course</u> ^{1,2}		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		14

Summer

BIOL 228	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ^{1,2}	3
BIOL 228L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab ^{1,2}	1
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		7

Fall

HLTH 280	Global Health	3
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics (GE Elective)	3

PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (GEM 6)	3
Electives	Select 3 credits of electives	3
ADVISING NOTE: Students should apply for admission to the Practical Nursing program during this semester.		
Total Semester Credit Hours		12
Second Year		
Spring		
PNUR 110	Fundamentals of Nursing	3
PNUR 110L	Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical	3
PNUR 115	Mental Health	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		8
Summer		
PNUR 121	Nursing Care of the Elderly	2
PNUR 121L	Nursing Care of the Elderly Clinical	2
PNUR 125	Pharmacology for Practical Nursing	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		6
Fall		
PNUR 130	Comprehensive Care of Adults	3
PNUR 130L	Comprehensive Care of Adults Clinical	3
PNUR 140	Nursing Care of the Developing Family	3
PNUR 151	Transition to Practice	2
PNUR 151L	Transition to Practice Clinical	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		13
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

¹ This course must have been completed within the past seven (7) years.

² This course is required to apply for admission to the Practical Nursing program.

DEGREE PLAN: PROGRAM ENTRY OPTION 3 (SPRING START)

First Year

Spring		Credit Hours
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
MMBS 111	Introductory Microbiology ^{1,2}	3
MMBS 111L	Introductory Microbiology Lab ^{1,2}	1
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course ^{1,2}		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		13
Summer		
BIOL 227	Human Anatomy and Physiology I ^{1,2}	3
BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab ^{1,2}	1
HLTH 101	Medical Terminology ²	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		7
Fall		
BIOL 228	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ^{1,2}	3
BIOL 228L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab ^{1,2}	1
HLTH 280	Global Health	3
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics (GE Elective)	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (GEM 6)	3

ADVISING NOTE: Students should apply for admission to the Practical Nursing program during this semester.

Total Semester Credit Hours		13
Second Year		
Spring		
PNUR 110	Fundamentals of Nursing	3
PNUR 110L	Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical	3
PNUR 115	Mental Health	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		8
Summer		
PNUR 121	Nursing Care of the Elderly	2
PNUR 121L	Nursing Care of the Elderly Clinical	2
PNUR 125	Pharmacology for Practical Nursing	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		6
Fall		
PNUR 130	Comprehensive Care of Adults	3
PNUR 130L	Comprehensive Care of Adults Clinical	3
PNUR 140	Nursing Care of the Developing Family	3
PNUR 151	Transition to Practice	2
PNUR 151L	Transition to Practice Clinical	2
Total Semester Credit Hours		13
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate clinical judgment by recognizing and analyzing patient cues, prioritizing care needs, generating and selecting nursing actions, and evaluating patient outcomes.
- Demonstrate patient-centered care by establishing therapeutic relationships, conducting comprehensive patient assessments, and involving patients in care decisions.
- Apply principles of safety by identifying and mitigating potential risks in the healthcare environment.
- Demonstrate effective teamwork and collaboration skills by promoting open communication, participating in interdisciplinary healthcare teams, and contributing to shared decision-making processes during patient care.
- Integrate current research into clinical practice by reviewing nursing literature, implementing evidence-based nursing interventions, and evaluating the effectiveness of care.
- Utilize healthcare informatics and technology to support patient care by accurate documentation in the electronic health record and ethical use of health information systems.
- Identify opportunities for quality improvement that lead to enhanced patient care quality and safety by participating in quality improvement projects.

Program Learning Outcomes are based upon the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) Competencies and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Clinical Judgment Measurement Model (2023).