



## PRACTICAL NURSING

### Overview

There's a certain satisfaction that comes with helping those who cannot care for themselves. If you feel this special calling, consider a career in Practical Nursing.

ECPI University's College of Nursing, offers a Practical Nursing program that could prepare you to become an important part of the healthcare team, working under the supervision of doctors and registered nurses.

#### **After completing the program, you could be prepared to:**

- ▶ Participate in the delivery of care to clients and families
- ▶ Use critical thinking skills to safely perform necessary cognitive, psychomotor and effective nursing skills
- ▶ Communicate effectively with clients, families, and members of the healthcare team

What's more, you could earn your diploma in Practical Nursing in as little as 15 months through our year-round schedule.

### Possible Career Settings

Once you obtain state licensure you could find employment in areas that include:

- ▶ Long Term Care Facilities
- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Physicians' Offices and Urgent Care Facilities
- ▶ Corporate Occupational Health
- ▶ Public School Systems
- ▶ Home Health Agencies

### What You Could Learn

The diploma program prepares the student for licensure and entry-level employment as a practical nurse. Students perform as a member of a healthcare team and function under the supervision of an advanced practice registered nurse, registered nurse, licensed physician, licensed dentist, or other practitioner authorized by law to supervise LPN practice. The program includes classroom, laboratory, and patient care learning experiences in a clinical setting.

#### **At the completion of the program, the student will:**

1. Function within the role of the practical nurse in the delivery of care to patients and families.
2. Communicate with patients, families, and members of the health care team.
3. Use critical thinking to safely perform requisite cognitive, psychomotor, and affective nursing skills.
4. Integrate ethical, professional, legal responsibility, and accountability into actions and decisions.
5. Assume responsibility for personal and professional growth.



# PRACTICAL NURSING DIPLOMA VIRGINIA BEACH

To receive the Practical Nursing Diploma, the student must earn 48.5 semester credit hours.

#### Day

Class hours may vary from 4 - 5 days per week from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM depending on course requirements. Clinical hours may include day, evening, or weekend hours depending on the clinical site and course requirements.

#### Evenings

Class hours may vary from 4 - 5 evenings per week from 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM and 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM on weekends. Clinical hours may include evening or weekend hours depending on the clinical site and course requirements. Occasional day clinical rotations may be required.

#### Clinical Hours

Clinical hours are scheduled to meet the staffing schedule of the Professional Nurse assigned and may include day, night, or weekend hours.

**Schedules may vary by course and instructor.** 12-hour clinical shifts may be required as needed.

**Completion time - 4 semesters or 15 months**

Term	Title of Course Offering	Credit Hours	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Simulation Hours	Clinical Hours
1	Freshman Orientation	1	30	0	0	0
	Anatomy & Physiology I with Terminology	2	60	0	0	0
	Anatomy & Physiology I with Terminology Lab	1	0	30	0	0
2	Study Skills Support	0.5	15	0	0	0
	Anatomy & Physiology II with Terminology	2	60	0	0	0
	Anatomy & Physiology II with Terminology Lab	1	0	30	0	0
3	Concepts I	2.5	45	30	0	0
	Dosage Calculations	1	30	0	0	0
	Normal Lifespan	1	30	0	0	0
<b>SEMESTER 1 TOTALS</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
4	Concepts II	3	30	30	9	36
	Pharmacology	1.5	45	0	0	0
5	Concepts III	3	30	30	9	36
6	Medical / Surgical Nursing I	3	60	0	0	56
	College Composition	1.5	45	0	0	0
<b>SEMESTER 2 TOTALS</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>128</b>
7	Medical / Surgical Nursing II	4	90	0	4	60
8	Acute Care Nursing I	4	90	0	4	60
9	Medical / Surgical Nursing III	3	75	0	3	27
	Introduction to Psychology	1.5	45	0	0	0
<b>SEMESTER 3 TOTALS</b>		<b>12.5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>147</b>
10	Acute Care Nursing II	4	90	0	4	60
11	Acute Care Nursing III	4	90	0	4	60
12	Role Transition	4	90	0	4	60
<b>SEMESTER 4 TOTALS</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Diploma PN Program Totals</b>		<b>48.5</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>455</b>

\* These are the courses making up the degree plan at the time of student enrollment. The University, at its sole discretion, may modify the program track as deemed necessary.

## DIPLOMA PROGRAM LENGTH

MINIMUM WEEKS OF INSTRUCTION: 60.

MAXIMUM SATISFACTORY TIME FRAME COMPLETION: 90 WEEKS.

TOTAL PROGRAM CONTACT HOURS 1,696 HOURS.

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## PN FACULTY ROSTER

### Full Time Faculty

Tonya Creque	RN, MSN	Shelley Graves-Lynn	RN, BSN	Shelia Smith	RN, BSN
Patricia Simpkins	RN, MSN	Barbara McDuffie	RN, BSN	Linda Thorpe	RN, MS
Valerie Gockel	RN, BSN				

### Part Time Faculty

Gladys Apuli	RN, DNP	Laura Hogins	RN, BSN	Ashley Plunkett	RN, BSN
Lori Barnhart	RN, BSN	Nancy Hubbard	RN, Diploma	Yvonne Roeder	RN, BSN
Jessica Butler	RN, BSN	Anastasia Israel	RN, BSN	Gretta Rutigliano	RN, BSN
Brandi Daniels	RN, BSN	Stephen Israel	RN, BSN	Sara Smith	RN, BSN
Aida Diaz	RN, BSN	Penny Maclure	RN, BSN	Lisa Thornsbury	RN, BSN
Thomas Drake	RN, MSN	Michael Mitchell	RN, BSN	Amutallah Wesley	RN, BSN
Gabriel Fells	RN, BSN	Julia Morgan	RN, BSN	Glenda White	RN, MSN
Kimberly Green	RN, BSN	Kathleen O'Brien	RN, BSN		
Loleta Hammond	RN, BSN	Marie Ortiz	RN, DNP		

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NCLEX Pass Rate Information may be obtained from this website: [www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/PublicResources/EducationPrograms/](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/PublicResources/EducationPrograms/)

### Nursing Program NCLEX Pass Rate

Year	Pass Rate	Year	Pass Rate
2021	96.50%	2017	82.93%
2020	89.81%	2016	73.40%
2019	93.39%	2015	84.25%
2018	93.14%		

The Practical Nursing programs in the state of Virginia are not accredited by a nursing education accrediting body as it is not required by the Virginia Board of Nursing.

While ECPI University's Practical Nursing program does not have its own distinct accreditation by a national nursing education body, it is not required for licensure.

\* Up to 25% of the overall VA Board of Nursing required program (400 clinical hours) may be simulated. Simulated hours will not exceed 50% of any given course clinical hours.

**START DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ORIENTATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuition Includes**

- CPR training and certification
- Tutoring
- Parking fees
- Graduate employment services
- Externships and clinical assignments
- Full- and part-time job assistance while attending school

**Application Fee**      \$15 non-refundable, one-time charge

**Registration Fee**    \$100

**Tuition Deposit**     \$135. *If tuition is paid entirely by third party funding sources, providing that documentation satisfies the deposit requirements.*

**Monthly Payment**    Monthly payments are determined after all federal grants and loans, scholarships, and alternative loans are applied.

**What You Need**

- Complete FAFSA online at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) (for help go to: [ecpi.edu/fa](http://ecpi.edu/fa))
- 3 references

**Program Cost**

- Diploma = 4 semesters x \$9,720 = \$38,880 (estimate)
- ECPI semester = 15 weeks consisting of three 5-week terms
- Technology fee = \$540.00 per semester
- ECPI University reserves the right to make changes in tuition and fees without further notice.



**NURSING PROGRAM DEGREE**

**DIPLOMA**

- Practical Nursing

\*Programs offered vary by campus location.

