

Hazleton Area Career Center Practical Nursing Program

The Practical Nursing Program began February, 1970, under the jurisdiction of the Hazleton Area School District. It is a postsecondary full time day program conducted at the Hazleton Area Career Center, approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Middle States Commission on Secondary Education.

Middle States Commission on Secondary Education

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Admission Requirements

- A high school diploma or GED
- Successful completion of the ATI TEAS pre-entrance aptitude examination.
- As a requirement for students identified as English as an additional language (EAL) or English as a second language (ESL) the Test of English as a Foreign Language is required (TOEFL).
- Provide evidence of good physical health as determined by a physical examination by a family physician to include laboratory tests, immunizations and a 10 Panel Drug Screen.
- A vision examination
- Child abuse clearances along with Pennsylvania State Police and FBI clearances

Enrollment

- A pre-entrance aptitude test is scheduled in the Practical Nursing Department of the Hazleton Area Career Center. There is a fee payable on the day of testing.
- Qualified applications will be accepted based on the admission criteria set forth by the program.
- A letter of acceptance is sent to the all perspective students.

No person shall be denied admission to the Practical Nursing Program on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, age marital status or handicap.

This policy follows the mandates of Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments

The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing shall not issue a license to an applicant who has been:

Convicted* of a felonious act prohibited by the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, no 64), known as the "Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act"

or

Convicted of a felony relating to controlled substance in a court of law in the United States or any other state, territory or country unless: at least ten years have lapsed from the date of the conviction; the applicant satisfactorily demonstrates to the Board significant progress in personal rehabilitation since the conviction such that licensure should not create a substantial risk of further violations; and the applicant otherwise satisfies the qualifications contained in this act.

A person convicted of any felonious act may be prohibited from licensure by the Board the Board of Nursing at any time.

*Convicted includes judgment, and admission of guilt or a plea of nolo contendere

COURSE CONTENT:

LEVEL I – 17 Weeks

Personal Vocational Relationships - 25 hours
Community Health - 20 hours
Body structure and Function - 85 hours
Nursing Fundamentals I - 110 hours
Care of Adult Patient I - 30 hours

LEVEL II – 17 Weeks

Maternal Child Health - 65 hours
(Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Growth & Development)
Care of Adult Patient II - 95 hours
Nursing Fundamentals II - 70 hours

LEVEL III – 17 Weeks

Care of Adult Patient III - 91 hours
Nursing Opportunities—10 hours
Intravenous Therapy - 30 hours
Geriatrics - 20 hours

Clinical experience at cooperating agencies is planned concurrently with classroom instruction.

Theory hours 7:10 A.M.-2:40 P.M.

Clinical hours 7:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

COOPERATING AGENCIES FOR CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

1. Lehigh Valley Health Network—Hazleton
2. The Manor at St Luke Village, Hazleton, PA
3. Observation in health related community agencies