

Nursing



PROGRAM SHEET



Possible Careers

Nurses may work in various settings, including:

- Acute Care
- Long-Term Care
- Clinics
- Home Health
- Hospice
- Corrections

Salary Information

Average wage was \$22.22 an hour for 2007 Wisconsin Technical College Nursing graduates. Average annual salary was \$45,756.

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Associate Degree – 70 credits

The Nursing program at Nicolet College prepares entry level nurses to be members of the health care team. Graduates must demonstrate critical thinking, clinical judgment, and clinical competence. The educational framework consists of the Nursing process and is used to care for individuals across the lifespan.

Students learn in a variety of settings such as lecture, small and large group discussion, computer-assisted instruction, and clinical experiences. The Nursing program is approved by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Graduates are eligible to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for licensed practical and/or registered nurse.

Practical Nursing Degree Program Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of the first year of the program, students have the option of submitting an application to the state Board of Nursing to take the examination for licensure as a practical nurse.

- 1) Adhere to standards of practice within legal, ethical, and regulatory frameworks of the licensed practice nurse.
- 2) Use effective communication skills recognizing lifespan considerations.
- 3) Assist with health assessment of individuals, families and groups across the lifespan.
- 4) Participate in clinical decision-making within the LPN scope of practice.
- 5) Provide safe, caring interventions with diverse populations across the lifespan.
- 6) Use principles of teaching and learning processes to reinforce teaching plans recognizing lifespan considerations.
- 7) Work cooperatively with others to provide holistic care.
- 8) Under supervision, manage and direct care within and across health care settings according to established protocols.

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Program Goals

- 1) To present an integrated general education and Nursing curriculum.
- 2) To prepare entry level nurses.
- 3) To meet the needs of area health care employers and the community.
- 4) To promote LPN and RN progression.
- 5) To facilitate matriculation with BSN completion programs.

Associate Degree Nursing Program Learning Outcomes

- 1) Adhere to professional standards of practice within legal, ethical, and regulatory frameworks of the registered nurse.
- 2) Use effective communication skills incorporating lifespan considerations.
- 3) Assess health of individuals, families, and groups across the lifespan within the context of the community.
- 4) Make clinical decisions to assure safe and accurate Nursing care.
- 5) Provide safe, caring interventions with diverse populations across the lifespan.
- 6) Use teaching and learning processes to promote and restore health incorporating lifespan considerations.
- 7) Collaborate with others to respond to the needs of individuals, families, and groups across the health-illness continuum.
- 8) Manage care to facilitate continuity within and across health care settings.

Transfer Nicolet Credits to a Bachelor's Degree

The Wisconsin Technical College System has a special credit transfer arrangement to link all of the state's technical colleges to appropriate four-year UW campus Nursing programs.

All technical college graduates who have received associate degrees in Nursing in May of 1996 or later are able to transfer 30 credits in Nursing and up to 30 credits in general education to the Nursing programs at UW-Madison, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Oshkosh, and Eau Claire to complete a bachelor's of science degree in Nursing. In addition, students who complete the associate degree in Nursing can transfer credits to Marion College or Alverno College to complete their bachelor's degree in Nursing.

Curriculum	Credits
First Semester (Level I)	
10-543-101 Nursing Fundamentals	2
10-543-102 Nursing Skills	3
10-543-103 Nursing Pharmacology	2
10-543-104 Nursing: Introd Clinical Practice	2
10-801-195 Written Communications	3
10-806-177 General Anatomy & Physiology	4
10-809-188 Developmental Psychology	3
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Second Semester (Level II)	
10-543-105 Nursing Health Alterations	3
10-543-106 Nursing Health Promotion	3
10-543-107 Nursing: Clin Care Across Lifespan	2
10-543-108 Nursing: Intro Clinical Care Management	2
10-801-196 Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3
10-806-179 Advanced Anatomy & Physiology	4
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Third Semester (Level III)	
10-543-109 Nursing: Complex Health Alterat 1	3
10-543-110 Nursing: Mental Health Comm Con	2
10-543-111 Nursing: Intermed Clin Practice	3
10-543-112 Nursing Advanced Skills	1
10-806-197 Microbiology	4
10-809-199 Psychology of Human Relations	3
Elective:	2
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Fourth Semester (Level IV)	
10-543-113 Nursing: Complex Health Alterat 2	3
10-543-114 Nursing: Mgt & Profess Concepts	2
10-543-115 Nursing: Adv Clinical Practice	3
10-543-116 Nursing Clinical Transition	2
10-809-199 Contemporary American Society	3
Electives	3
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*Students must have a grade of "C-" or better to progress in core courses in the following semester and a grade of "C-" or better in all core courses to graduate. A cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0 is required for graduation.

Suggested Electives:

- 10-103-115 MS Word, Beginning
- 10-501-101 Medical Terminology
- 10-543-125 Intro to Critical Care Nursing
- 10-543-150 Preview of Professional Nursing
- 10-890-100 College Success

Advanced Standing for Licensed Practical Nurses

LPNs licensed in Wisconsin may enter the third semester of the Nursing program, provided all first and second semester general education courses are completed with a C- or better.

This program is accredited by National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. Any comments related to program accreditation or verification of the program's status can be obtained from NLNAC. Contact: NLNAC National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.
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