

# PRACTICAL NURSING, CERTIFICATE

The Monroe University Certificate in Practical Nursing program is a three-semester course of study. This is a full-time day program. Nursing courses involve classroom instruction as well as laboratory skills, simulation practice, and clinical experiences. Upon completion of the program the student is awarded a Certificate in Nursing and is eligible to take the NCLEX- PN licensing exam.

## Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the PN Certificate program, the graduate will be able to provide **Culturally Competent Care** with achievement of the following outcomes:

1. Demonstrate basic through intermediate skills and health teaching to provide holistic, individualized patient- centered care to individuals and families. (SLO #1: Patient- Centered Care)
2. Communicate data collection information from individuals/families to the Registered Nurse and/or inter-professional team members. (SLO #2: Teamwork and Communication)
3. Provide a rationale for clinical judgments based upon current best practice guidelines used in the care of individuals across the lifespan. (SLO #3: Evidence-Based Practice)
4. Explain how quality improvement measures and risk management data are used to promote the safe, quality care of individuals across the health care continuum. (SLO #4: Quality Improvement and Patient Safety)
5. Use healthcare informatics to collect and communicate health data, avoid errors, and support healthcare interventions when providing nursing care to individuals. (SLO #5: Informatics)
6. Implement the nursing plan of care in congruence with the patient's healthcare needs, preferences, customs, values, and beliefs. (SLO-CCC #6: Culturally Competent Care)

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Major-Related Courses</b>		
NS-106	Dosage Calculation and Pharmacology	3
NS-117	Fundamentals of Nursing	7
NS-122	Maternal Child Nursing	3
NS-126	Medical-Surgical and Transitional Nursing	7
NS-130	Psychosocial Nursing	2
Major-Related Courses Subtotal		22
<b>General Education and Related Courses</b>		
EN-111	College Writing and Critical Analysis	3
LA-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
SC-114	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3
SC-114L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
SC-116	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
SC-116L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
SC-118	Principles of Microbiology	3
SC-118L	Principles of Microbiology Lab	1
General Education and Related Courses Subtotal		18
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>40</b>

<sup>1</sup> The passing grade for all Nursing courses is 77.5%.

## Recommended Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Semester 1</b>		
NS-106	Dosage Calculation and Pharmacology	3
NS-117	Fundamentals of Nursing	7
SC-114	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3
SC-114L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
NS-122	Maternal Child Nursing (PN only course)	3
EN-111	College Writing and Critical Analysis	3
LA-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
SC-116	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
SC-116L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
NS-126	Medical-Surgical and Transitional Nursing (PN only course)	7
NS-130	Psychosocial Nursing (PN only course)	2
SC-118	Principles of Microbiology	3
SC-118L	Principles of Microbiology Lab	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>40</b>