

HERZING

DIPLOMA IN PRACTICAL NURSING—ORLANDO (DPNFL)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This practical nursing program is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing and prepares students to take the National Council Licensing Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN®). Graduates will be prepared to integrate nursing knowledge, critical thinking, and basic nursing skills into the healthcare environment while coordinating care for clients. Theoretical and laboratory instruction are further enhanced by simulation and clinical experience in the acute, long-term, and community-based healthcare facilities. The curriculum is concept-based, with emphasis placed on patient safety, legal and ethical issues, and an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the practical nurse. The program promotes simple to advanced learning.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this program students should be able to:

1. Coordinate quality, safe, skilled, and patient-centered care utilizing the nursing process.
2. Demonstrate nursing behaviors as defined by the practical nurse scope of practice.
3. Develop proficiencies in basic nursing skills.
4. Participate in collaborative relationships with patients, families, and members of the interdisciplinary team to provide and improve patient care.
5. Use information technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision making along with critical thinking.
6. Incorporate ethical and legal principles into entry-level practical nursing performance.

SPECIAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to the “Undergraduate Nursing Admission Requirements” policy in the Admissions Information section of this catalog for nursing program admission requirements.

GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

The following general education prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C+ (76%) or better for a student to be continued in the nursing program.

- ◆ Body Structure and Function With Lab

A student who is dropped from the practical nursing program for failing to achieve the minimum grade specified but who otherwise meets the academic standards of the University may transfer to another Herzing degree program and/or may reapply to the nursing program in a future cycle.

POTENTIAL JOB POSITION TITLES

Graduates are prepared for entry-level positions as a practical nurse.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 1,350.00 clock hours is required for graduation.

REQUIRED COURSES

All courses, 1,320.00 clock hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Clock Hours
HC 114	Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professionals	None	30.00
PN 121	Practical Nursing I	Corequisites HC 114, SC 143, and SC 143L	85.00
PN 122	Practical Nursing II	HC 114, PN I, SC 143, and SC 143L	205.00
PN 123	Practical Nursing III	PN 122	235.00

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Clock Hours
PN 124	Practical Nursing IV	PN 123	167.00
PN 125	Practical Nursing V	PN 124	240.00
PN 126	Practical Nursing VI	PN 125/Corequisite PN 127	265.00
PN 127	Practical Nursing VII	PN 125/Corequisite PN 126	18.00
SC 143	Body Structure and Function	Corequisite SC 143L	45.00
SC 143L	Body Structure and Function Lab	Corequisite SC 143	30.00

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

30.00 clock hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite/Corequisites	Clock Hours
PD 122	Professional Development I	None	15.00
PD 203	Professional Development II	None	15.00

Distribution of Clock Hours by Course				
Course Number	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Clock Hours
HC 114	30.00			30.00
PD 122	15.00			15.00
PD 203	15.00			15.00
PN 121	85.00			85.00
PN 122	77.00	128.00		205.00
PN 123	77.00		158.00	235.00
PN 124	73.00		94.00	167.00
PN 125	82.00		158.00	240.00
PN 126			265.00	265.00
PN 127	18.00			18.00
SC 143	45.00			45.00
SC 143L		30.00		30.00
Totals	517.00	158.00	675.00	1,350.00

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.herzing.edu/academics/nursing#student-info-data>