

DIPLOMA IN PRACTICAL NURSING—MADISON (DPNWI)

(Please see the *Undergraduate Program Offerings by Campus* chart in the catalog or on the Herzing Website at www.herzing.edu/career-programs/downloads for a list of Herzing campuses offering this program.)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This practical nursing program is approved by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing to prepare students to take the National Council Licensing Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) and to begin a professional nursing career. Students are given a basic foundation of general education, including courses in communications and the sciences, and are prepared with the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to function as a practical nurse. Theoretical instruction is complemented with clinical experience in a variety of healthcare settings in order to provide a broad, holistic, and reality-based understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a practical nurse. Students will participate in planned clinical and laboratory experiences that will complement classroom learning and stress health promotion as well as disease processes. Graduates will be eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination for Practical Nurses.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this program, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate nursing professional behaviors related to legal, ethical, political, and scope of practice issues as defined by the state regulatory board.
2. Communicate accurately, effectively, and in a timely manner with clients, significant others, and members of the healthcare team.
3. Assist with assessing clients' healthcare needs based on data from a variety of sources including physical findings, past medical history, client interviews, and members of the healthcare team.
4. Collaborate with members of the healthcare team to plan appropriate interventions using evidence-based protocols.
5. Provide client care for a diverse population using therapeutic interventions in a safe, caring manner in a variety of healthcare settings.
6. Manage client care under the direction of a registered nurse or other members of the healthcare team, and delegate tasks to unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) as needed.
7. Utilize appropriate informational technology to plan, provide, and communicate nursing care.
8. Develop proficiencies in basic nursing skills.

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.

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to, licensed practical/vocational nurse and nursing assistant.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 37.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES (ONLY FOR NURSING PROGRAMS)

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
- ◆ College Math

All other general education courses must be passed with a grade of "D" or better to be continued in the nursing program.

A student who is dropped from the nursing program for failing to achieve the minimum grade specified in the general education courses 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.

REQUIRED COURSES

All courses, 35.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
EN 104	English Composition I	EN 090 (or test-out)	3.00
MA 107	College Algebra	MA 090 (or test-out)	4.00
NW 101	Fundamentals of Nursing	None/Corequisites NW 106, SC 142 and SC 142L	5.00
NW 102	Clinical Practice I	NW 101 and NW 106/ Corequisites NW 103 and NW 201	3.00
NW 103	Health and Illness Throughout the Life Span	NW 101, NW 106, SC 142, SC 142L and PS 101/Corequisite NW 201	3.00
NW 106	Pharmacology for Nurses	MA 107, SC 142 and SC 142L/ Corequisite NW 101	3.00
NW 201	Alterations in Adult Health	NW 101 and NW 106/Corequisite NW 103	3.00
NW 202	Clinical Practice II	NW 102	4.00
PS 101	Psychology	None	3.00
SC 142	Body Structure and Function	None/Corequisite SC 142L	3.00
SC 142L	Body Structure and Function Lab	None/Corequisite SC 142	1.00

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

2.00 semester credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Semester Credit Hours
PD 121	Professional Development I	None	1.00
PD 202	Professional Development II	None	1.00

Distribution of Clock Hours by Course					
Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Clock Hours	Credits
EN 104	45.00			45.00	3.00
MA 107	60.00			60.00	4.00
NW 101	45.00	60.00		105.00	5.00
NW 102			135.00	135.00	3.00
NW 103	45.00			45.00	3.00
NW 106	45.00			45.00	3.00
NW 201	45.00			45.00	3.00
NW 202			180.00	180.00	4.00
PS 101	45.00			45.00	3.00
SC 142	45.00			45.00	3.00
SC 142L		30.00		30.00	1.00
Personal/Professional Development	30.00			30.00	2.00
Totals	405.00	90.00	315.00	810.00	37.00