

# HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## MAJORS

### LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

The Certificate Program in Practical Nursing addresses the need for an alternative career option in the Allied Health Sciences. The three-semester course of study at Hostos Community College provides the successful graduate, who passes the NCLEX-PN Exam, with marketable skills as a Licensed Practical Nurse within one calendar year.

The major course content within this program is based on a practical nursing curriculum. This program supports a major focus for the College, which is the provision of both strong allied health career programs and a broad-based, liberal arts education. A unique feature of this course of study is that, unlike the traditional practical nursing programs, students are exposed to other disciplines in a collegiate setting - e.g., English and the natural, social, and behavioral sciences.

The framework for the Certificate Program in Practical Nursing embodies basic needs, selected components of the nursing process, and the skills that are needed to practice as a member of the health care team. Students learn to deliver nursing care to patients of all age groups in a variety of settings, under the direct guidance and supervision of qualified professional nurse instructors.

#### Objectives of the Program in Licensed Practical Nursing

Upon completion of the program, the graduate will be able to do the following:

1. Use critical thinking skills and knowledge acquired from nursing, the physical, biological, social, behavioral sciences and the humanities to identify and respond to health needs of our culturally diverse patients and their significant others across the life span.
2. Use components of the nursing process to deliver care to patients using therapeutic communication, patient teaching and a caring attitude.
3. Use components of the nursing process to deliver care to patients across the life span to function as a member of the interdisciplinary health care team.
4. Appropriately manage one's own nursing care and monitor the care provided by unlicensed caregivers.
5. Assume responsibility and accountability for one's nursing practice based on established standards for the Licensed Practical Nurse.

#### Application/Entrance Process for LPN Certificate

Students seeking to become Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) must first apply for admission to Hostos Community College and must satisfactorily complete the pre-requisites specified below. Students seeking entry to the LPN Program are urged to seek academic and registration advisement from the Nursing faculty.

**Note:** Admission to the College does not guarantee entry to the Nursing Program. Upon satisfactory completion of all pre-requisites and entrance examinations, students will be selected for available spaces. Required courses must be taken in the identified sequence. Students should obtain a copy of the "LPN Student Handbook." Students are expected to read and adhere to all policies outlined in the student handbook.

**Note:** All requirements for the LPN Certificate Program must be completed within three (3) years. Students are urged to seek advisement for academic and financial planning. Finally, students must take and pass the NCLEX-PN examination to be licensed.

#### Pre-requisites for Freshmen, First-Time-To College

Freshmen students must meet the following criteria:

1. Have a high school average of 75% or a GED score of at least 275;
2. Have passing scores on Math, Reading, and Writing on CUNY Skills Tests, specifically:
  - a. Pass CUNY Reading and Writing examination and placement into ENG 110.
  - b. Pass the CUNY Math Test (Math score of 32 or better, with a minimum score of 14 in Part 1, exempt students from taking MAT 020 - Elementary Algebra).
  - c. Students who are exempted from the Math Test (SAT score of 480 or better, or corresponding Regents score of 75 or better) must take MAT 020 - Elementary Algebra.
  - d. Students who do not pass the CUNY Skills Tests must take the appropriate remedial course(s) and re-test after they successfully complete the course.
  - e. ESL students may apply for entry after completing their ESL courses, passing all CUNY skills tests, and passing all pre-requisite courses.

#### Pre-requisites for Transfer Students

Transfer students seeking LPN certification must ensure that all transcripts and test results have been submitted to Hostos Office of Admissions for review by the Nursing Admissions Committee.

Transfer students must meet the following criteria:

1. Overall GPA of 2.5 at previous institution(s) and GPA of 2.5 in all courses equivalent to those required in the LPN sequence. (See number three (3) below for more details about transferring courses.)
2. Testing Requirements - Students transferring from another college must meet the same testing requirements outlined above for first-time-to-college, freshmen students.
3. Transferring Courses:
  - a. The Nursing Admissions Committee will review transcripts of transfer students seeking entry to the LPN Program.
  - b. Nursing courses taken at another college are non-transferable.
  - c. Science courses more than two (2) years old are non-transferable to the LPN Program.
  - d. ESL courses are non-transferable.

- e. Students who have failed out of an RN Program may have an opportunity to enter the LPN program, on a space-available basis, if they meet all the above requirements. Students must successfully complete each LPN course on the first attempt or be dropped from the LPN Program.
- f. Students in the LPN Program who had failed out from an associate or bachelor's degree nursing program will be dropped from the program if they fail a clinical course.

- 8. All nursing students are required to pay for ongoing, external testing each semester.

**Requirements for Entry to the Clinical Phase**

Prior to clinical placement, students must meet the state-mandated (1) health requirements, (2) liability insurance, and (3) complete a Basic Cardiac Life Support course given by the American Heart Association and/or the Red Cross. More detailed information is provided in the LPN Student Handbook. The documentation must be presented prior to registration for NUR 8000.

**Entrance to the LPN Program**

Entry into the LPN Program is competitive.

1. The NLN (National League of Nursing) Pre-Nursing examination must be taken and scheduled at student convenience at an NLN approved testing site. Only official scores released to Hostos will be accepted. Students may repeat the examination if necessary after one year has elapsed. A score at or above the 50th percentile or better must be achieved.
2. Students who successfully complete all pre-requisites, who are currently registered at Hostos Community College, and have achieved a passing NLN score become eligible to take the ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute) computerized examination. The ATI (TEAS) assessment examination will be offered in Spring of each year on a space - available basis.
3. There are fees for each of these examinations.
4. Students who successfully complete the ATI will then be eligible for an evaluation of a writing sample by the Nursing Admission Committee.
5. Students who achieve the highest scores on the examinations and the writing samples will be selected for available spaces in the LPN Program.

Each year the process begins anew. An applicant is considered an LPN candidate when selected by the Nursing Admissions Committee.

**Progression in the LPN Program**

1. Students must maintain a GPA of 2.5.
2. The minimum acceptable grade for any required course is "C". The exceptions are NUR 8001 and ENG 110; the minimum acceptable grade in these courses is "B-." (B minus)
3. All nursing courses must be taken in the identified sequence. Students must complete all coursework by the time of registration. Incomplete grades are not accepted for any required and/or elective courses.
4. Students may repeat only one, non-clinical course one time.
5. Only one, clinical Nursing course may be repeated. A second failure in a clinical Nursing course results in student being dropped from the LPN Nursing Program.
6. Students who fail clinical courses (NUR 8002 or NUR 8003) must submit a letter to the coordinator seeking readmission into the LPN program. Students may choose to audit the lecture component of a previous course for a registration fee, in order to prepare for return into the LPN program.
7. All requirements for the LPN Nursing Program must be completed within three years.

**Attendance Policy**

Students must be present from the beginning to the adjournment of a class, lecture or a hospital clinical session. Absences will be reviewed by Nursing Faculty to determine if a student may remain in the program. (See LPN Student Handbook.)

**Program of Study Leading to a Certificate in Licensed Practical Nursing**

<b>Semester I, Spring Term</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BIO 230 . . . . .Anatomy & Physiology I . . . . .	.4.0
PSY 1032 . . . . .General Psychology . . . . .	.3.0
NUR 8000 . . . . . Clinical Nursing I . . . . .	.7.0
NUR 8001 . . . . .Pharmacology I . . . . .	.2.0
<b>Total Semester Credits</b> . . . . .	<b>.16.0</b>

<b>Semester II, Summer Term</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BIO 240 . . . . .Anatomy & Physiology II . . . . .	.4.0
NUR 8002 . . . . .LPN Clinical Nursing II . . . . .	.3.5
ENG 110 . . . . .Expository writing . . . . .	.3.0
<b>Total Semester Credits</b> . . . . .	<b>.10.5</b>

<b>Semester III, Fall Term</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BIO 310 . . . . .Microbiology . . . . .	.4.0
BLS 150 . . . . .Ethnicity, Health& Illness . . . . .	.3.0
NUR 8003 . . . . .LPN Clinical Nursing III . . . . .	.7.0
PSY 1037 . . . . .Lifespan Development Behavior . . . . .	.3.0
<b>Total Semester Credits</b> . . . . .	<b>.17.0</b>
<b>Total General Education Credits</b> . . . . .	<b>.24.0</b>
<b>Total Nursing Credits</b> . . . . .	<b>.19.5</b>
<b>Total Credits for Certificate</b> . . . . .	<b>.43.5</b>

**Requirements for the Transition from LPN to A.A.S. RN Program**

The transition from LPN to the A.A.S. RN program is another career option for Licensed Practical Nurses. The transition course is open to any Licensed Practical Nurse who fulfills the following criteria:

1. Successful completion of an accredited, practical nursing program.
2. Passed the NCLEX-PN Examination.

3. Completed CHE 4019 (a combination of inorganic and organic chemistry) with permission from the Coordinator and a strong background, or have taken CHE 110 and 120.
4. Passed the NLN Mobility I Profile Examination.
5. Have a GPA of at least 2.5 to enter and progress through the nursing program.
6. Have taken PSY 1032.
7. Passed the ACT Reading and Writing examinations.
8. Have a grade of "B-" (B minus) or better in ENG 110.
9. Have taken MAT 020 or scored at least 32 or better on the placement exam, with a minimum score of 14 in part 1.

**Note:** If not a graduate of Hostos' Certificate Program in Licensed Practical Nursing or a CUNY certificate-bearing Practical Nursing Program, the candidate must meet the entrance requirements as outlined in the Student Handbook.

White Hose, one pair .....	\$10.00
Class Pin .....	\$70.00
Instruments and Carry Case .....	\$65.00
NCLEX-PN Licensure Exam .....	\$240.00
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>\$717.00</b>

\* These are current prices and are subject to change without notice.

### **Curriculum for the LPN Graduate Transition to A.A.S. RN Program**

<b>Semester I</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Nursing Transitions .....	2.0
ENG 111 .....	Literature and Composition . . . . .3.0
SOC 101 .....	Introduction to Sociology . . . . .3.0
<b>Total Semester Credits .....</b>	<b>8.0</b>

<b>Semester II</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NUR 227 .....	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family I .....
	3.0
NUR 228 .....	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family II .....
	3.0
NUR 220 .....	Pharmacology .....
	3.0
<b>Total Semester Credits .....</b>	<b>9.0</b>

<b>Semester III</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NUR 316 .....	Nursing Care of the Client with Mental Illness .....
	3.0
NUR 317 .....	Nursing Care of the Adult I . . . . .6.0
HLT 215 .....	Nutrition .....
	3.0
<b>Total Semester Credits .....</b>	<b>12.0</b>

<b>Semester IV</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NUR 326 .....	Nursing Care of the Adult II . . . . .7.0
NUR 320 .....	Nursing Trends & Issues . . . . .3.0
<b>Total Semester Credits .....</b>	<b>10.0</b>

### **Ancillary Expenses for Practical Nursing Students\***

Pre-Entrance NLN (National League of Nursing)	
RN Exam .....	\$30.00
ATI Examination .....	\$22.00
NLN End of Course Exam for all students .....	\$70.00
Professional Basic Life Support Certification .....	\$85.00
Uniforms .....	\$80.00
Shoes .....	\$45.00