

Practical Nursing (Certificate)

The Practical Nursing program prepares individuals with the knowledge, abilities and skills to provide basic nursing care to individuals across the life span. Students will participate in the application of safe nursing care in a dependent manner under the supervision of a registered nurse, advanced practice nurse or a licensed practitioner to meet the basic health needs of individuals. Graduates of the 11 month program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN), which is required for practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Employment opportunities include acute practice, long term care practice and community-based practice.

Students admitted into the DCB Practical Nursing Program must successfully pass a criminal history background check prior to registering for classes.

Applications for admission into the Practical Nursing Program are due in the spring of each year. Acceptance into the program is decided in the spring/summer of each year.

Students who are interested in completing the prerequisite courses are encouraged to follow the Pre- Nursing curriculum listed in this section.

This program is part of the Dakota Nursing Program, a collaborative effort between Bismarck State College, Williston State College, Lake Region State College and Fort Berthold Community College.

Prerequisites for the Certificate in Practical Nursing Program

- Accepted for admission to Dakota College at Bottineau. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the Practical Nursing Program.
- High School Diploma or GED.
- Student must be 18 years of age by December 31st of the year they start the program.
- Current CNA Certification in North Dakota.
- Current CPR Certification for Health Care Providers.
- ENGL 110 - College Composition I with a "C" or better.
- CHEM 115/115L - Introductory Chemistry with a "C" or better.
- High School Algebra/Beginning Algebra (ASC 92) or the COMPASS/ASSET exam equivalent within the last five years upon date of application. Student must verify this knowledge with a minimum COMPASS math score of 25-26 in the algebra domain or an ASSET Intermediate Algebra test of 33 or ACT math score of 16.
- An ACT composite score of 19 or COMPASS/ASSET test with an equivalent score (minimum writing score of 75 and minimum reading score of 75) is required of a student who have not completed 12 credits of classes included in the program requirements with a minimum GPA of 2.75.
- Minimum GPA of 2.75 for all completed college courses that are requirements for the Dakota Nursing programs.
- An overall minimum GPA of 2.50 of all college courses taken, "C" or better in all required courses completed.
- Anatomy and Physiology I/L and II/L, Developmental Psychology, and Pharmacology courses older than five years will need to be repeated.
- Students who meet the prerequisites and whose files are complete will be considered for acceptance into the program based on each college's admission criteria.
- Students accepted into the nursing program must have access to reliable, high speed internet.

Pre-Nursing Curriculum

Fall			Credits
	BIOL 220	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
	PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
	ASC 92	Beginning Algebra	3
	CHEM 115	Introductory Chemistry	4
Spring			
	ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
	BIOL 221	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
	PSYC 250	Developmental Psychology	3
	PHRM 215	Introduction to Pharmacology	3

Practical Nursing Curriculum

Fall			Credits
	BIOL 220	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
	PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
	NURS 120	Foundations of Nursing	3
	NURS 121	Practical Nursing I	3
	NURS 122	Clinical Practice I	3
Spring			
	BIOL 221	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
	PHRM 215	Introduction to Pharmacology	3
	PSYC 250	Developmental Psychology	3
	NURS 124	Clinical Practice II	3
	NURS 127	Practical Nursing II	2
	NURS 145	Intro to Maternal Child Nursing	2
Summer			
	NURS 129	Practical Nursing III	4
	NURS 126	Clinical Practice III	3

Associate Degree Nurse (AAS)

The associate degree nursing program prepares individuals with the knowledge, abilities, and skills to practice nursing independently and interdependently through the applications of the nursing process in an effort to provide safe nursing care to individuals and families across the life span in a variety of settings. Graduates of the program may apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) which is required for practice as a registered nurse. Employment opportunities include acute care centers, long term care facilities, clinics, outpatient offices, industry, and community agencies.

Students admitted into the DCB Associate Degree Nursing Program must successfully pass a criminal history background check prior to registering for classes.

Applications for admission into the Associate Degree Nursing program are due in the spring of each year. Acceptance into the program is decided in the spring/summer of each year.

This program is part of the Dakota Nursing Program, a collaborative effort between Bismarck State College, Williston State College, Lake Region State College and Fort Berthold Community College.

Prerequisites for the Associate Degree Nursing Program (RN) for Dakota Practical Nursing Students:

- Successful completion of the first year of the Dakota Nursing Program with a minimum GPA of 2.75 in all prerequisite and a minimum GPA of 2.75 in the 40 credit course requirement as defined in the Practical Nurse curriculum.

Prerequisites for the Associate Degree Nursing Program (RN) for all other students:

- Admission to DCB as well as completion of a formal application to the Dakota Associate Degree Nursing Program. Admission to the College does not guarantee admission to the ADN program. Application forms for admission to the Dakota Associate Degree Nursing Program may be obtained from the Nursing Coordinator during the first half of spring semester.
- Unencumbered license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the United States
- Minimum GPA of 2.75 in all prerequisite courses (including nursing classes) and an overall minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Pass a preadmission examination.
- Completion of the following courses, each with a grade of C or better
 - CHEM 115 Introductory Chemistry with lab
 - ENGL 110 Composition I
 - PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology
 - BIOL 220 Anatomy and Physiology I with lab
 - BIOL 221 Anatomy and Physiology II with lab
 - PHRM 215 Introduction to Pharmacology
(must be within 5 years of ADN admission)
 - PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology

Associate Degree Nursing Curriculum

		Credits
Fall	NURS 224 Professional Development	2
	NURS 225 Alterations in Health I	3
	NURS 226 Maternal Child Nursing	3
	NURS 227 Clinical Application I	4
	Communication or Technology Elective	3
Spring	NURS 228 Alterations in Health II	4
	NURS 229 Health Prom & Psych Nursing	2
	NURS 237 Clinical Application II	5
	NURS 259 Role Transitions	1
	BIOL 202 Microbiology L/L	4