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CERTIFICATE IN PRACTICAL NURSING

"Nursing is an art: and if it is to be made an art, it requires as exclusive a devotion, as hard a preparation, as any painter's or sculptor's work; for what is the having to do with dead canvas or cold marble, compared with having to do with the living body, the temple of God's spirit? It is one of the Fine Arts; I had almost said the finest of the Fine Arts"-

Florence Nightingale

Apply for the 2018 Practical Nursing cycle.

Applications are being accepted for the 2018 Practical Nursing Program. Click [here](#) to download application. Submit your application to the Nursing & Allied Health Department room 3213 or you may email your application to tamaratherese.hiura@guamcc.edu.



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Program Description

The Certificate of Practical Nursing program prepares students to become Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN). LPNs may find work in a variety of settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, doctor's offices, public health departments, schools, and various government programs. Ideally, LPNs work under the supervision of registered nurses. The duties of an LPN include checking blood pressure, pulse and respiration, taking blood and urine samples, and monitoring and recording what patients eat and when. LPNs change bandages, help patients dress and bathe, and observe patients for any changes in their condition or reactions to medications. They treat bedsores, prepare injections, insert catheters, and give alcohol rubs and massages. In states where the law allows, they administer prescribed medication and start intravenous fluids. Some LPNs help deliver, care for, and feed babies. LPNs provide not only routine bedside care but help evaluate clients' needs, develop care plans, and supervise nursing aides. In doctors' offices and clinics, LPNs make appointments, keep records, and perform other clerical duties.

Students who successfully complete this three semester program will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). This exam is administered by the National Council on State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and will enable students to earn a license in Practical Nursing. Collaborative learning takes place in the classroom, laboratory, and in clinical settings. With the exception of Nursing Fundamentals, admissions to the Practical Nursing program includes:

- Completion of the all General Education Requirements or equivalent course work at GCC or from accredited U.S. institutions
- advisement from Allied Health Department personnel
- completion of English and Mathematics Placement Tests with acceptable scores, or
- completion of English developmental courses or completion of MA 095 and
- health clearance including required immunizations.

Note: A recent ruling by the Guam Board of Nurse Examiners requires microbiology in order to be

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eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to discuss their educational plan.

General Education Requirements for the Practical Nursing program. (please note that courses must be completed with "C" grades or better)

- **EN110** Freshman Composition
- **MA108** College Algebra
- **SI130A** Human Anatomy & Physiology I
- **SI130B** Human Anatomy & Physiology II
- **PY120** General Psychology
- **ED220** Human Growth & Development
- **HL120** Medical Terminology
- **HL131** BLS for Healthcare Providers
- **HL150** Study of Disease
- **HL202** Nutrition
- **SI150** Into to Microbiology

Career Opportunities

Students who earn a certificate in Practical Nursing can work in a hospital setting under the supervision of a registered nurse, or in a clinical setting.

The GCC Advantage

The advantage of earning a certificate from Guam Community College is that the faculty, staff and administrators take to heart its mission - "to be a leader in career and technical workforce development by providing the highest quality education and job training in Micronesia."

Our instructors care about and want their students to succeed. Often, they will spend the extra time to make sure a concept is clear, and that students understand the practical, real-life applications of the classroom concepts they are learning. Also, GCC's partnerships with over 100 businesses ensure that what is taught in the classroom corresponds with what businesses need GCC graduates to know when they become employees. These partnerships include internships and apprenticeships that often lead to sustainable jobs and careers in our island's workforce. Copy

Academic Advising

All students who declare a major are assigned an Academic Advisor. Students are strongly urged to visit your advisor, who can help you draft an educational plan with course sequencing that meets your personal, academic, and career goals.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Certificate in Practical Nursing program, students will be able to:

1. Meet local and national standards for practical nurses in performing nursing care.
2. Be eligible for and prepared to take the NCLEX-PN exam in order to become LPNs or to enter more advanced degree nursing programs.
3. Apply the clinical problem-solving process (Nursing Process) and critical thinking skills within the scope of an LPN.
4. Be proficient in a variety of interpersonal and communication skills used in the health care setting.
5. Demonstrate therapeutic nursing interventions to include the following:
6. Take and record temperature, blood pressure, pulse, weight and height.
7. Dress wounds, prepare injections, and collect urine/blood samples.
8. Feed, bathe, dress, clean, and move patients.
9. Administer medication when authorized.
10. Observe patients, report changes in their condition, and keep patients' records.
11. Teach patients good health and safety habits.
12. Sterilize equipment.
13. Give enemas and catheterizations.

Program Mission

The mission of the Nursing Department is to generate locally educated and licensed nurses to work in the various health care provider agencies on Guam as well as the Pacific region. The Guam Community College Nursing Program is committed to provide career guidance and education in nursing to those students of Guam and the Pacific Basin who desire to become Nurse Assistants and/or Practical Nurses. To accomplish this commitment, we offer a Certificate of Completion for Nursing Assistants (NA) and a certificate of completion for Practical Nursing. At the completion of the Practical Nurse program, the graduate is eligible for the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure

Examination) which leads to a Practical Nurse (LPN) license in the territory of Guam or in the United States.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE PRACTICAL NURSING CYCLE IS BASED ON:

- Completion of all General Education courses required for the PN program, with "C" grades or better.
- Program Grade Point Average (3.5 or higher)
- Entrance Exam Test Scores
- Essay (entitled: Why I Want to Be A Nurse)

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