Practical Nursing

(2 Years)

One Advanced Technical certificate is available. Graduates of this program who are Licensed Practical Nurses are eligible to apply to the Associate Degree Registered Nursing program.

Objectives

This program will provide students with the skills and knowledge to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX–PN). Graduates will provide care that requires practical nursing skill and knowledge. In health care facilities they will:

1. Provide bedside care.
2. Provide intravenous therapy, draw blood, assess vital signs, change dressings, administer most prescribed medications, and assist patients with personal care.
3. Assist physicians and registered nurses in implementing plans of care for patients.

Some graduates may work in specialized units, perform special nursing procedures, and operate sophisticated equipment.

The Practical Nursing Program provides classroom, laboratory, and student nurse practicum instruction that prepares graduates for entry into practical nursing. For a Program Information Packet showing descriptions of each option, course descriptions, lists of course sequences, and the cost of books, tools, uniforms, fees, and other expenses, go online to https://www.isu.edu/practicalnursing/.

Each course must be completed with a C- or better before the student can progress in the program.

Faculty

Director and Clinical Assistant Professor

Hymas, Misty J., Director, Clinical Assistant Professor, Associate Degree Registered Nurse and Practical Nursing. A.S. 2007, B.S. 2010, Idaho State University; M.S.N. 2014, Western Governors University. (2017)

Clinical Senior Instructor


Clinical Instructors


Petersen, Amy J., Clinical Instructor, Practical Nursing. B.S. 2004, Idaho State University; M.S.N. 2012, Western Governors University. (2017)

Instructors

Howell, Lance, Instructor, Practical Nursing. A.S. College of Southern Idaho; B.S. Idaho State University; MS Western Governors University.

Veteran to Nurse Option

This option provides veterans with previous military health experience the opportunity to utilize course and service related training (after evaluation by qualified faculty).

Program Prerequisites

1. Prior Military Health Care Service (individual evaluation by a qualified faculty or counselor)
2. Current Health Care Provider CPR card (AHA or Red Cross only)
3. The following courses or their equivalents must be completed prior to the start of the program:

Learning outcomes for the Veteran to Nurse program can be evidenced in any of the following five ways:

1. credit through equivalent military service and coursework as documented on military educational transcripts;
2. credit through experiential learning assessment (this requires the creation of a portfolio by the student and is limited to 25 percent of the total credits required for the certificate);
3. credit by challenge examination (limited to a 24 credits maximum);
4. transfer credit for equivalent transcripted coursework earned at a regionally accredited institution of higher education; and
5. credit from formal coursework earned in the ISU Practical Nursing program by completing modules of instruction that address deficiencies between the military experience of a specific veteran and the desired learning outcomes of the program.

Credit for prior learning is limited to a maximum of 50 percent of the total credits of the certificate, with differential limits being assigned to the various types of prior learning. A minimum of 16 resident credit hours must be completed at ISU. Please note “When the credit awarded is dependent upon evaluation by Idaho State University faculty, such as Experiential Learning Assessment or Challenge Examination, credit will be counted as resident credit.” [ISU Undergraduate Catalog: Alternative Credit Opportunities (http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/alternativecreditopportunities)]

Courses

PNUR 0110 Basic Foundations of Nursing: 3 semester hours.
Principles of disease transmission, therapeutic communication, patient teaching/learning, medication administration, and the nursing process; basic clinical skills which provide the foundation for practical nursing. PREREQ: Admission to PNUR Program. COREQ: PNUR 0110L. F

PNUR 0110L Basic Foundations of Nursing Lab: 1 semester hour.
Practical application of the nursing process and basic clinical skills which provide the foundation for nursing practice. COREQ: PNUR 0110. F

PNUR 0112 Medical Surgical Nursing I: 3 semester hours.
Principles of practical nursing care for the ill adult. COREQ: PNUR 0110 or permission of instructor. F

PNUR 0113 Medication Administration for Practical Nursing: 1 semester hour.
The basics of safe medication administration, including math calculations and proper procedures. The medication examination included in this class must be successfully passed before the student practical nurse administers medication in clinical settings. COREQ: PNUR 0110 or permission of instructor. ASu

PNUR 0114 Clinical Foundations of Nursing I: 3 semester hours.
Through hands on clinical experience in a variety of settings the student practical nurse learns skills basic to practical nursing. COREQ: PNUR 0110 or permission of instructor. F

PNUR 0115 Professional Development Seminar: 1 semester hour.
Professional development to increase understanding of the practical nurse’s role and responsibilities. COREQ: PNUR 0110 or permission of instructor. F

PNUR 0118 Outreach Clinical Foundations I: 2 semester hours.
Through hands-on clinical experience in a variety of settings the student nurse will be exposed to skills basic to the nursing practice.

PNUR 0121 Clinical Foundations of Nursing II: 4 semester hours.
Application of practical nursing concepts within increasingly more complex patient care situations including care of the family; includes application of the nursing process as well as drug and IV therapy. PREREQ: PNUR 0110 and PNUR 0123. S

Total Credits

54-58

Contributes to a General Education requirement.
PNUR 0123 Drug Therapy for the Practical Nurse: 3 semester hours.
Drugs and their actions as related to patient care in practical nursing practice. 
COREQ: PNUR 0110 or permission of instructor. F

PNUR 0125 Family Nursing for the Practical Nurse: 5 semester hours.
Principles of practical nursing care of the child-bearing woman and newborn. 
The disorders of childhood and the principles of pediatric nursing care. Principles 
of normal growth and development of the child are incorporated throughout. 
PREREQ: PNUR 0110. COREQ: PNUR 0121. S

PNUR 0126 Medical Surgical Nursing II: 4 semester hours.
Principles of practical nursing care for the ill adult. PREREQ or COREQ: 
PNUR 0112. COREQ: PNUR 0121 and PNUR 0126L. S

PNUR 0126L Medical Surgical Nursing Lab: 1 semester hour.
Practical application of medical surgical nursing interventions and procedures/
skills within the practical nursing scope of practice. PREREQ or COREQ:
PNUR 0112 or PNUR 0126. S

PNUR 0131 Clinical Foundations of Nursing III: 2 semester hours.
Theory and principles of practical nursing care are applied within the clinical 
setting. PREREQ: PNUR 0121. COREQ: PNUR 0140. Su

PNUR 0133 Intravenous Therapy for the Practical Nurse: 1 semester hour.
Principles and practice of intravenous therapy for the Practical Nurse. Fluid 
and electrolyte balance, acid-base balance, parenteral solutions, infection control 
relating to IV therapy, central venous access, intravenous nutritional support, and 
clinical skills relating to intravenous therapy. PREREQ or COREQ: PNUR 0110 
or permission of instructor. COREQ: PNUR 0133L. S

PNUR 0133L Intravenous Therapy Lab for the Practical Nurse: 1 semester hour.
Application of intravenous therapy skills for the practical nurse. COREQ: 
PNUR 0110 or permission of instructor and PNUR 0133. S

PNUR 0137 Clinical Foundations of Nursing IV: 1 semester hour.
Clinical experience in a variety of settings, including leadership roles within the 
practical nursing scope of practice. COREQ: PNUR 0140. Su

PNUR 0139 Nursing Care of Aged and Community-Based Populations: 3 semester hours.
Practical nursing concepts of normal and abnormal aging in the older adult and in 
community-based settings. Apply critical thinking and nursing process strategies 
within community-based settings. Su

PNUR 0140 Management for the Practical Nurse: 2 semester hours.
Theory of first-level management skills for the practical nurse role. This course 
meets the criteria set forth by the Board of Nursing for the LPN Charge Nurse 
Role. PREREQ: PNUR 0112 and PNUR 0126. COREQ: PNUR 0137. Su

PNUR 0150 Veteran to Nurse Pharmacology: 1-5 semester hours.
Provides an overview of drugs and their actions as related to patient care 
within the scope of practical nursing practice. The basics of safe medication 
administration, including dosage calculations, safe handling of medications, IV 
therapy and technology related to drug administration. PREREQ: Prior military 
health care service and admission to the program is required. F, S, Su

PNUR 0151 Veteran to Nurse Nursing Fundamentals: 1-5 semester hours.
Provides the principles of disease transmission, therapeutic communication, 
patient teaching/learning, medication administration, and the nursing process; 
theory of basic clinical skills is identified which provide the foundation for 
practical nursing. Provides the theory for the principles of intravenous therapy for 
the Practical Nurse. PREREQ: Prior military health care service and admission to 
the program is required. COREQ: PNUR 0155. F, S, Su

PNUR 0152 Veteran to Nurse Medical Surgical Nursing: 1-7 semester hours.
Provides theoretical principles of disease processes in the care of the ill adult; 
includes concepts of normal and abnormal aging in the older adult and in 
community-based settings. Includes theoretical principles of care for patients 
experiencing mental health disorders. PRE-or-COREQ: PNUR 0151. COREQ:
PNUR 0156. F, S, Su

PNUR 0153 Veteran to Nurse Maternal Child Nursing: 1-5 semester hours.
Provides the theoretical principles of practical nursing care of the child-bearing 
woman and newborn; disorders of childhood and the principles of pediatric 
nursing care. Principles of normal growth and development of the child are 
corporated. PREREQ: PNUR 0151. COREQ: PNUR 0157. F, S, Su

PNUR 0154 Veteran to Nurse Issues in Nursing: 1-4 semester hours.
Provides theoretical knowledge in the roles and responsibilities of the practical 
nurse including leadership, patient advocacy, professionalism and delegation. 
Legal and ethical trends are explored. NCLEX-PN exam preparation is included. 
PREREQ: PNUR 0151. COREQ: PNUR 0158. F, S, Su

PNUR 0155 Veteran to Nurse Fundamental Practicum: 1-4 semester hours.
Provides practical application of the nursing process and basic clinical skills 
which develops the foundation for nursing practice. Provides practice of 
intravenous therapy within the practical nursing scope and includes the 
administration of medications. Course may contain laboratory, virtual, simulation 
and real-time clinical experiences. PREREQ: PNUR 0150. COREQ: PNUR 0151. 
F, S, Su

PNUR 0156 Veteran to Nurse Medical Surgical Practicum: 1-4 semester hours.
Provides application of medical-surgical nursing interventions and procedures/
skills within the scope of the practical nurse; including care of adult clients 
with a variety of disease processes and in a variety of settings (mental health, 
outpatient, inpatient and community health). Course may contain laboratory, 
virtual, simulation and real-time clinical experiences. PREREQ: PNUR 0155. 
COREQ: PNUR 0152. F, S, Su

PNUR 0157 Veteran to Nurse Maternal Child Practicum: 1-3 semester hours.
Provides application of obstetrical and pediatric theory and procedures/skills 
within the scope of the practical nurse; including care of pregnant women, 
neonates, and pediatric patients (well and ill) in a variety of settings (outpatient, 
inpatient and community-based settings). Course may contain laboratory, virtual, 
simulation and real-time clinical experiences. PREREQ: PNUR 0156. COREQ:
PNUR 0153. F, S, Su

PNUR 0158 Veteran to Nurse Issues in Nursing Practicum: 1-2 semester hours.
Provides practical application of the development of leadership and professional 
skills for the practical nurse. Course may contain laboratory, virtual, simulation 
and real-time clinical experiences. PREREQ: PNUR 0156. COREQ: PNUR 0153. 
F, S, Su

PNUR 0198 Special Topics: 1-8 semester hours.
This course is designed to address the specific needs of individuals. It will enable 
the students to upgrade their technical skills through part-time enrollment in units 
of instruction that are currently available through the program’s full-time pre-
employment curriculum. PREREQ: Permission of instructor.

PNUR 0199 Experimental Course: 1-6 semester hours.
This is an experimental course. The course title and number of credits are 
announced in the class schedule by the scheduling department. Experimental 
courses may be offered no more than three times with the same title and content.

PNUR 0296 Independent Study: 1-8 semester hours.
Addresses specific learning needs of individuals for the enhancement of 
knowledge and skills within the program area under the guidance of an instructor. 
May be repeated. Graded S/U, or may be letter-graded. PREREQ: Permission of 
the instructor. D
PNUR 0298 Special Topics: 1-8 semester hours.
Addresses the specific needs of industry, enabling students to upgrade technical skills that are not included in the current program curriculum. May be repeated. Graded S/U, or may be letter-graded. PREREQ: Permission of instructor.