

## PRACTICAL NURSING

The Practical Nursing Certificate exit option is designed to provide education to prepare the student for practice as a licensed practical nurse after completion of the first two semesters of the ADN RN program. Upon admission to the nursing program the student may opt to stop after the first two semesters and take the optional Transition into Practical Nursing course and receive a Certificate of Practical Nursing. The curriculum follows the criteria for the Colorado Nursing Articulation Model and is specifically constructed to promote career mobility between Nursing educational levels.

Successful completion of the Practical Nursing Certificate requirements for graduation also entitles the graduate to submit an application to the State Board of Nursing for the State Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing.

### OJC Nursing Admission Procedure

1. Obtain general college admission to Otero Junior College. Submit a completed application at the Student Services Office on the OJC campus or on-line at [www.ojc.edu](http://www.ojc.edu). Student must be a high school graduate or have a GED certificate.
2. Complete required pre-admission courses (Pre-requisite Courses) with a grade of C or higher for each course and a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher for the five listed courses. The science course must be completed within seven years of the start date of the program.
3. Apply to the nursing program at OJC using the Online Application available at [www.ojc.edu/nursingApplication.aspx](http://www.ojc.edu/nursingApplication.aspx)
4. Provide official transcripts confirming completion of Pre-requisite courses and GPA to the OJC Nursing Department.
5. Clear Criminal background check and urine drug screen (to be completed when instructed by the OJC Nursing Department). See the Disqualifying Offences document for more information at [www.ojc.edu/content/nursing/Disqualifying\\_Offenses09.pdf](http://www.ojc.edu/content/nursing/Disqualifying_Offenses09.pdf).
6. Upon notification of admission to start the nursing program, complete the remaining clinical requirements –i.e. physical exam, hepatitis B and varicella vaccinations etc. (specific forms and instructions will be included in the notification letter).

*For more information contact the OJC Nursing Department at 719-384-6898.*

### Graduation Requirements

- A. Students must fulfill all requirements of the College for receiving a certificate of completion.
- B. The graduate of nursing must pass all courses with a minimum grade of "C"
- C. Graduates must be competent in calculations of medications. Students are required to pass a medication proficiency examination at 100% mastery in order to progress to the summer semester of the program. (See the Nursing Student manual for further information).

## ***Legal Requirements for Practical Nursing Licensure***

Before becoming licensed, students must answer the following questions:

- A. "Have you ever been convicted of a crime or have you ever accepted a court plea of guilty or nolo contendere? Have you received a deferred judgment or deferred prosecution?"
- B. "Are you now, or were you for the 12 months preceding the date of this application, addicted to any controlled substance; a regular user of any controlled substance without a prescription; and/or habitually intemperate in the use of intoxicating liquor?"

If any question is answered "yes," students need to meet with the director of the Nursing Department for counseling because the Colorado State Board of Nursing has specific requirements for licensure.

## **PRACTICAL NURSING**

### **Traditional Schedule**

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<b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS</b>		<b>Credits</b>
BIO 201	Anatomy and Physiology I . . . . .	4
BIO 202	Anatomy and Physiology II. . . . .	4
BIO 204	Microbiology . . . . .	4
ENG 121	English Composition I. . . . .	3
PSY 235	Human Growth and Development . . . . .	3

*All with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.*

### **First Semester**

NUR 109	Fundamentals of Nursing . . . . .	8
NUR 112	Basics Concepts of Pharmacology . . . . .	2
HPR108 HWE 100	Dietary Nutrition/Human Nutrition . . . . .	1/3
MAT 103	Math for Clinical Calculations. . . . .	3

### **Second Semester**

NUR 106	Medical and Surgical Nursing Concepts . . . . .	9
NUR 150	Nursing Care of Obstetric and Pediatric Clients . . . . .	7
BIO 216	Pathophysiology . . . . .	4

### **Third Semester**

NUR 169	Transition to Practical Nursing. . . . .	5
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## PRACTICAL NURSING CURRICULUM

### Evening and Weekend Schedule

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#### Admission Requirements

##### Credits

ENG 121	English Composition I . . . . .	3
BIO 201	Anatomy & Physiology I . . . . .	4
BIO 202	Anatomy & Physiology II . . . . .	4
PSY 235	Human Growth & Development . . . . .	3
BIO 204	Microbiology . . . . .	4

*(All with a GPA of 2.5 or higher)*

#### Summer Semester

MAT 103	Math for Clinical Calculations . . . . .	3
HPR108 HWE 100	Dietary Nutrition/Human Nutrition . . . . .	1/3

#### Fall Semester

NUR 109	Nursing Skills & Concepts . . . . .	8
Elective:	GTE Humanities or Social Behavior Science . . . . .	3

#### Spring Semester

NUR 106	Medical Surgical Nursing I . . . . .	9
NUR 112	Basics Concepts of Pharmacology . . . . .	2
NUR 150	Nursing Care of OB & Pediatric Clients . . . . .	7

#### Summer Semester

NUR 169	Transition to Practical Nursing . . . . .	5
BIO 216	Pathophysiology . . . . .	4

#### Recommended Courses for traditional or evening and weekend schedules:

The following courses are recommended to compliment the required nursing program courses. Students are encouraged to register for these courses as their schedule will allow:

CHE 101	Intro to Chemistry . . . . .	5
CIS 118	Intro to PC Applications . . . . .	3
ENG 122	English Composition II . . . . .	3
HPR 178	Medical Terminology . . . . .	2
PSY 101	General Psychology I . . . . .	3
PSY 102	General Psychology II . . . . .	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology I . . . . .	3
COM 115	Public Speaking . . . . .	3