



DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
Certificate
PRACTICAL NURSE

Northern New Mexico College's Department of Nursing offers two associate degrees in Nursing (ADN), a certificate in Practical Nursing (PN), and an RN to BSN (Completion Program) at the baccalaureate level.

Formal application and acceptance into the Nursing program is required before students enroll in any NURS-prefixed course listed in the program requirements with the exception of NURS 100 and NURS 100L. Support courses may be taken before entry into the program or during the course of nursing studies.

If you are interested in the Nursing program, please contact the Director of Nursing (505-747-2207) for information, advisement, and an application packet.

PROGRAM POLICIES

Qualified nursing student candidates are accepted into the Nursing program on a **tentative basis** pending completion of the following requirements:

1. If accepted into the Nursing program, proof of **current immunization status** as outlined in the application packet as well as proof of current **CPR (American Heart Association, Basic Life Support)** must be provided to nursing administration on or before August 1st to ensure student placement. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in forfeiture of the student slot.
2. If the nursing student candidate is completing required course work during the summer semester it is the candidate's responsibility to **provide nursing administration with summer course work transcripts** (grades of a "C" or better are required along with a cumulative GPA of 2.5) as soon as possible. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in forfeiture of the student slot.
3. Upon acceptance into the Nursing Program nursing students are required to obtain a **criminal background check to include fingerprinting and drug screens**.

Students can have **no disqualifying criminal convictions** as determined by the New Mexico Department of Public Health *Caregivers Criminal History Screening Program*.

4. If the New Mexico Department of Public Health determines a student has a disqualifying criminal conviction the student will be notified of the decision by the NM Department of Public Health Review Board. The student then has the option of **petitioning** said board for **reconsideration**. During the reconsideration process, the review board must determine the student **forgiven of a past criminal record** for the student to be allowed to participate in the Nursing program course of studies. Failure to be forgiven will result in forfeiture of the student slot.
5. Nursing students must test **negative** on mandatory drug screening. Failure to test negative will result in a review of drug screening results by a private testing entity. **The student will be responsible for the expenses incurred in this additional screening process**. The private testing company will determine the final student drug screening status.

Once accepted into the program, students **must maintain a grade of "C" or better in each required course in order to remain in the program**. A grade of "D" or below is not acceptable in the Nursing program. The grading scale for the Nursing program is as follows:

100 – 93 = A 92 – 85 = B 84 – 77 = C 76 – 69 = D Lower than 68 = F

Once accepted into the Nursing program, it is the professional responsibility of all nursing students to maintain a **current immunization and CPR status**.

NURS 107	Pharmacology II (2)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisite: NURS 106</i>			
NURS 113	Nursing Fundamentals (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: BIOL 237/L, BIOL 238/L; Co-requisite: NURS 113L</i>			
NURS 113L	Nursing Fundamentals Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 113</i>			
NURS 114L	Introduction to Health Assessment (1)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: NURS 104, NURS 106, NURS 113/L, NURS 114L</i>			
NURS 125	Medical/Surgical Nursing I (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: NURS 113/L, BIOL 210/L; Co-requisites: NURS 125L</i>			
NURS 125L	Medical/Surgical Nursing Clinical I (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 125</i>			
NURS 116	Introduction to Maternal-Child Nursing (2)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: NURS 105, NURS 113/L, and HSCI 204</i>			
NURS 116L	Maternal/Child Clinical (1)	_____	_____
NURS 119	Role Transition – PN (2)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: NURS 105, NURS 113/L, BIOL 210/L, and HSCI 204; Co-requisites: NURS 125/L, NURS 116</i>			

TOTAL CREDITS 48

Sequence of Courses

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Summer</u>
NURS 104	NURS 107	NURS 119 (May be offered in Spring or Summer Sem)
NURS 106	NURS 116	
NURS 113	NURS 125	
NURS 113L	NURS 125L	
NURS 114L		

Educational Planning Form (Semester)

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer
Total Units	Total Units	Total Units
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