A Practical Nurse is licensed to practice by the State of New Jersey. Under the Division of Consumer Affairs, the Board of Nursing regulates the practice within stipulated statutes and guidelines. The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse is defined as performing tasks and responsibilities within the framework of case finding; reinforcing the patient and family teaching program through health teaching, health counseling and provision of supportive and restorative care, under the direction of a registered nurse or physician.

This is a 46-credit certificate program that includes 16 credits of general education courses and 30 credits of specialized nursing.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM ADMISSION:**

- High School Graduate or GED
- College Placement Test - Exit Academic Foundations
- Complete the following three college courses with a minimum GPA of 2.0:
  - English Composition I 3 credits
  - Math for Health Science 3 credits
  - Human Biology 4 credits
- Successful completion of a standardized program entrance exam
- Medical Clearance
- Criminal Background Clearance
- Two References

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RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES:

**PRE-ADMISSION:**
- ENG 101  English Composition I  3 credits
- MAT 102  Math for the Health Sciences  3 credits
- BIO 107  Human Biology  4 credits

**FIRST SEMESTER:**
- PNU 101  Practical Nursing - Fundamentals of Practice  8 credits
- PSY 101  Introduction to Psychology  3 credits

**SECOND SEMESTER:**
- BIO 201  Practical Nutrition  3 credits
- PNU 102  Practical Nursing – Nursing Clients with Alterations of Basic Needs  8 credits

**THIRD SEMESTER:**
- PNU 201  Practical Nursing – Maternal Child Health  5 credits

**FOURTH SEMESTER:**
- PNU 202  Practical Nursing – Nursing Clients with Complex Needs  8 credits
- PNU 203  Role Transition  1 credit

46 credits