

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM

Will I become a Licensed Practical Nurse when I graduate from the P.N. program?

When you successfully complete the program, you will be eligible to take the required State Board of Ohio Nursing Exam. You must pass this exam before you are allowed to practice as a LPN. Graduates from other Practical Nurse programs take the same licensure exam.

How long does the P.N. program take?

Once the prerequisites are met and upon your entry into the program, the nursing curriculum is designed to be completed in three subsequent semesters (one year). The P.N. program starts in the Fall semester, continues into Spring semester and completes in the Summer semester.

What kind of courses do the students take in the P.N. program?

The aim of the nursing program is to provide a broad education. Most of the total credit hours are nursing courses, with the remaining course work divided among science courses such as Anatomy and Physiology and general studies such as Psychology.

Do you have an evening/weekend A.D.N. program?

Yes, classes and clinical experiences are offered both for day and modified evening/weekend programs.

Can I attend classes for the P.N. program at just one campus?

The nursing curriculum is centered at Tri-C's Metropolitan campus. Students attend nursing classes at the Metro campus and care for patients at clinical agencies throughout the Greater Cleveland area. Prerequisite and support classes may be taken at any Tri-C campus.

What are the P.N. program courses like?

The nursing courses consist of classroom study, practice in the college laboratory using mannequins and simulation equipment, and in the hospital or agency setting, caring for patients under the direct supervision of a clinical instructor. Each week depending on the nursing courses, students will devote 4-5 hours in the classroom, 8-12 hours in the hospital/agency setting and 2-4 hours in the college nursing practice laboratory.

Day program students can expect the above to occur between 8:00am and 5:00pm most days of the week. The modified evening/weekend program students can expect to have courses scheduled any time between 5:00pm and 11:00pm most days and possibly Saturday and Sunday between 7:00am and 1:00pm.

I am an STNA; may I receive advanced placement in the P.N. program?

STNA certified students will be granted articulated credit for course PNUR 1300.

I already have college credits. Can I complete the P.N. program in less than one year?

The Nursing courses are offered in sequence, so the program cannot be completed in less than one year.

What is the cost of the P.N. program?

The approximate cost of the program is \$3,230 for in-county residents, and \$4,260 for out-of-county residents (prices are subject to change). In addition, the following are estimates of added expenses:

Nurse entrance test	\$40
Books	\$600
Uniforms	\$150
Laboratory fees	\$80
Liability insurance	\$25 (\$12.50 each semester)
Medical insurance required (private or through college)	(variable based on current coverage)
Standardized testing	\$30
Miscellaneous expenses (stethoscope, scissors, hemostat, immunizations, Tuberculin testing)	\$50

Is financial aid available?

In general, yes. Students may qualify for the usual federal or state program. For more information, contact the Tri-C Student Financial Assistance Department at 216-987-4100.