



**Program Sheet  
Practical Nursing Certificate**

**ICCB Code: 050A**

Practical Nursing is a selective admissions program. Students must meet the minimum criteria for admission and complete a Practical Nursing Program application. A student receives an application in the Health Professions office (S162) after an advisement plan is signed by a counselor in Student Services. Advisement plans are available at [www.richland.edu/health](http://www.richland.edu/health).

**Prerequisites:**

1. Submit an official high school diploma or GED Certificate and/or college transcripts to Student Records. Ask the Registrar to evaluate college transcripts to receive Richland credit.
2. Complete placement testing in English and Math as follows: eligibility for ENGL 101, and placement in MATH 098 or complete MATH 091, and MATH 106.
3. Complete two years of high school biology and 1 year of high school chemistry or physics with a “B” or better and have transcripts on file or take BIOL 101. The last biology must be completed within 5 years of admission to the Practical Nursing program.
4. Take the Nelson-Denny Reading Test and earn a minimum composite score of 120.
5. Complete PSYCH 110 with a “C” or better.
6. Be listed in good standing on the Illinois Department of Public Health Nurse Aide Registry.

| <b>Required Courses</b>                                   | <b>RCC</b>              | <b>Semester/<br/>Year</b> | <b>Transfer<br/>Hours</b> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| BIOL 201*- Human Anatomy & Physiology 1                   | 4 credits               |                           |                           |
| BIOL 202- Human Anatomy & Physiology 2                    | 4 credits               |                           |                           |
| ENGL 101 - Composition 1                                  | 3 credits               |                           |                           |
| HLTH 220* - Nutrition and Diet Therapy                    | 3 credits               |                           |                           |
| PSYCH 145* - Human Lifespan Development                   | 3 credits               |                           |                           |
| HLTH 197/297 - Special Topics in Healthcare               | 1 credit                |                           |                           |
| NURS 154* - Pharmacological Principles for Nursing        | 3 credits               |                           |                           |
| PN 101A - Transitions 1 Introduction to Practical Nursing | 1 credit                |                           |                           |
| PN 102A - Wellness Across The Lifespan I                  | 6 credits               |                           |                           |
| PN 103A - Wellness Across The Lifespan II                 | 4 credits               |                           |                           |
| PN 104A - Transitions II Trends and Issues                | 1 credit                |                           |                           |
| PN 105 - Alterations Across the Lifespan I                | 7 credits               |                           |                           |
| PN 106 - Alterations Across the Lifespan II               | 6 credits               |                           |                           |
| PN 113 - PN Licensure Preparation                         | 1 credit                |                           |                           |
| *Proficiency Testing Available                            |                         |                           |                           |
| <b>Total Program Hours Required:</b>                      | <b>47 Credits Hours</b> |                           |                           |

**Other Graduation Requirements:**

1. A “C” or better in all prerequisites and program courses.
2. A minimum program GPA of 2.5.
3. Successful completion of all nursing psychomotor competencies with 76% of the designated skills performed in the clinical setting.
4. A minimum NLN outcome exam score of 76%.
5. Meets the ANA Code of Ethics and the Professional Integrity Policy.

**Comments:**