

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)

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PROGRAM

The Practical Nursing program is offered at the ECC Rolla Main campus located at the Rolla Technical Center. The 11-month certificate program prepares students to practice as licensed practical nurses under the direction of the Professional Registered Nurse and/or a Licensed Physician. Practical nursing is designed to assist students to acquire the attitudes, skills, and knowledge essential to the role for the competent practical nurse. Upon successful completion of this program, graduates receive a certificate of achievement and are qualified to apply to sit for the national licensure examination (NCLEX-PN). The program combines theory and clinical education to prepare students to work in a variety of healthcare arenas.



EMPLOYMENT & SALARY OPPORTUNITIES

The licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses (LPNs and LVNs) profession is experiencing faster than average job growth. Employment for LPN's is projected to grow 9 percent from 2019 to 2029, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. On average, a LPN will start with an annual salary of \$35,000-\$65,000.

LPN's find opportunities in several areas:

- Hospitals
- Long-term care settings
- Out-patient surgery centers
- Rehabilitation centers
- Community health, industrial or school nursing
- Clinics and physician offices



CAREER

The Licensed Practical Nurse is a vital member of the healthcare team. LPN's practice under the direction of the Professional Registered Nurse and/or a Licensed Physician. They have a unique scope of practice yet work collaboratively with all members of the healthcare team to promote health, prevent disease, and help patients and families cope with illness. The LPN operates medical equipment, administers a variety of treatments and medications, and assists with patient follow-up/rehabilitation. In addition, these healthcare professionals educate people on a variety of health issues, follow developed plans of care, and serve as advocates for patients, families, and communities.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To enter the program, students must have completed:

- **High school diploma or the equivalent**
(documentation must be sent to the registration office)
- **Application for admission to ECC**
- **A placement test as specified by the college**
(some coursework requires minimum placement results)
- **A cumulative college GPA of 2.0 or better**
- **Prerequisites with a "C" or better prior to starting the program**
- **HESI A2-LPN Admission Exam within the last two years with a minimum Reading Comprehension score of 77%**
- **Satisfactory criminal background check and drug screening once accepted to the program**
- **Nursing application on file by specified deadline**
(available on the ECC Web site under the "Academic & Pathways link")



The ECC Practical Nursing Program has the full approval of the Missouri State Board of Nursing (MSBN). East Central College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a participant in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400 Chicago, Illinois 60602-2504 1 (800) 621-7440

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Program Prerequisites

Courses		Hours
• COL*100	Campus Orientation	0.0
• COL*101	Falcon Seminar	1.0
• BIO*151	Intro to A&P	4.0
• PSY*101/ PSY*250	General Psychology+ or Human Development+	3.0
Total:		8.0

In order to achieve success in the Practical Nursing program, a student can expect to spend a minimum of 20-30 hours per week, outside of class, studying and preparing for class and clinical experiences. Some examples include: practicing skills in the lab, preparing for clinical assignments, studying for exams, preparing for class, developing written assignments and presentations.

*+ PSY*101: General Psychology/PSY*250: Human Development can be taken as a co-requisite during the first semester of the PN program.*

Practical Nursing Academic Course Sequence

Semester 1 (Fall)		Hours
• LPN*100	Personal & Vocational Concepts I	2.0
• LPN*110	Foundations of Practical Nursing I - Lecture	5.5
• LPN*111	Foundations of Practical Nursing I - Lab	1.5
• LPN*120	Foundations of Practical Nursing II - Lecture	5.5
• LPN*121	Foundations of Practical Nursing II - Lab	1.5
Total:		16.0

Semester 2 (Spring)		Hours
• LPN*150	Nursing Care Across the Lifespan I - Lecture	6.5
• LPN*151	Nursing Care Across the Lifespan I - Lab	2.5
• LPN*160	Nursing Care Across the Lifespan II - Lecture	6.5
• LPN*161	Nursing Care Across the Lifespan II - Lab	2.5
Total:		18.0

Semester 3 (Summer)		Hours
• LPN*190	Personal & Vocational Concepts II	0.5
• LPN*170	Nursing Care Across the Lifespan III - Lecture	6.5
• LPN*171	Nursing Care Across the Lifespan III - Lab	3.0
Total:		10.0